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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The failure of Senator SUMNER yesterday to sustain the allegations made in the long preamble to his resolution was not accompanied by any failure of falsification and misrepresentation in the opposition Press. The *Tribune* says that when his resolution was first brought forward its consideration was prevented by the "President's partisans," as it terms them, in the Senate. This is wholly untrue. Mr. SUMNER himself said he did not want immediate consideration when he introduced the resolution, and when he first asked to have it taken up he found his call sustained by all of those called by the *Tribune* the "President's partisans," except such as happened to be on the Appropriation Committee, who followed, generally, the lead of their chairman in trying to first secure the passage of the Appropriation bill. This statement was more vicious but less stupid than the other one in the same article which said that the resolution passed the Senate yesterday without opposition. The failure of the attack upon the Administration today was a continuation of the disaster which it met yesterday. Mr. HARLAN more than met expectations which were entertained of him, and Mr. SUMNER sat through most of his reply to his own statements of yesterday, with his head on his hand, looking gloomy and disheartened. Occasionally he leaned forward to suggest evidently a defense to be made for him by Mr. SCHURZ. That gentleman himself displayed more nervousness than he was ever observed to exhibit before on a similar occasion, and when Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN had concluded his arraignment of Mr. SUMNER's unpatriotic course in seeking to make out a case for the German Empire to make demands upon us for indemnity and damages when it had never discovered anything but impartiality in our Government's execution of its obligations as a neutral, it was clear that only a most extraordinary effort, and the production of new facts by Mr. SCHURZ, could turn the tide of the conspirators' defeat. He was not equal to the emergency. Their ammunition had all injudiciously been rammed into the preamble of the resolution and fired off. There were no new facts, and no new arguments to be based upon the old ones. Of course there could be but one result. Mr. HARLAN began the discussion today. In the first place, he showed that the charge that our Government had violated the international code for neutrals was groundless unless it was proved that our arms had been sold to known agents of France, which he refuted. We had a right to sell to our own citizens, and there was nothing in the law to preclude the selling of arms either to France or Germany by our citizens, they taking, of course, the risks of seizure. No one disputes that these positions are properly taken; but Messrs. SUMNER and SCHURZ insist that our Government should have investigated every bid to see that the arms bought should not find their way even indirectly into the hands of belligerents. On the chances of fraud based upon the alleged discrepancies in returns of accounts by the War and Treasury Departments, he brought in the original record of the Ordnance Bureau, and showed by it that every dollar of the receipts were accounted for, and sustained the statements made on this head yesterday by Mr. WILSON. He proved that even the statements of the Treasury report had been misquoted to give color to the charges. He then proceeded to show that Mr. SUMNER's documents quoted in the preamble were furnished him by a French agent, and made and sustained the charge that there had been dealings with officers of a foreign Government by a Senator to secure material for an attack upon his own. Three papers which he quoted could only have found their way into Mr. SUMNER's hands through the French Legation, and one of them is grave violation of diplomatic privilege. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN spoke briefly, but with a very telling effect, especially upon Mr. SUMNER himself, who keenly felt the force of the results which might flow from his unpatriotic conduct. Mr. SCHURZ began with a nervous extempore fusillade, and for the first twenty minutes he seemed almost wholly abandoned by his usual self-possession. At the end of that time he reached the beginning of his prepared speech, to which he adhered pretty closely to the end. It would have been effective but for the fact that it had been prepared before the debate began, and the discussion had since exploded his facts. He admitted that there was no ground for any charges on the Department statements of accounts which had been or could be fully explained, he had no doubt. He finally reduced his reasons for wanting an investigation to two. One was that the accounts of the French Government for arms bought by it during their war did not agree with the accounts of our Government for sales during the same period. The second reason was that the German-born American citizens would be terribly excited if an investigation was refused, what never happened before. Mr. SCHURZ failed to hold the galleries, which were well thinned out before the close of his speech. In reporters, for which he is so famous, he entirely failed, being, as SUMNER's friends said of him yesterday, not able to reply promptly to questions which were put to him. He succeeded in showing the results which accounted then by insinuating in the close of his speech that the Secretary of War had been overruled by the President in the matter of sales of arms, and that the President had, in turn, been controlled by some military ring which was organized for purposes of plunder. As one man stands now, unless CHARMAN furnishes the delicable dust with more evidence, they can do nothing, and they are now at the mercy of ROSCOE CONKLING, Morton and CONKLING, without any power of defense. If they interfere with him, it can only be to make a bitter personal contest. Mr. TRUMBULL and even TIPTON will not aid them, and the Democratic Star for Genius the attempt to come to their rescue.

SENATOR BROWNLOW ON BECK.

Mr. BROWNLOW obtained permission today for the reading of his reply to the expressions of Mr. BECK in the House upon his character. Mr. BECK was severely and deservedly handled in the loyal Parson's inimitable manner. His allusions and language, in view of the fact that Mr. BECK is a member of the House, were unparliamentary and improper, and would not have been permitted under the rules from any other Senator. Everybody recognized the cowardice of the attack which Mr. BECK had made upon a Senator who could not even speak, or hold a pen in his own defense; so unanimous consent was given to the reading of the statement written for him from his whispered dictation.

THE NAVAL APPROPRIATION.

The House today finished the Naval Appropriation bill, a result which has seldom been reached in so short a time. The bill is passed substantially as it came from the Committee. The Army bill will next be considered.

COMMERCE WITH BRAZIL.

The Ways and Means Committee today appointed Messrs. SCHENCK, FRYE, BURCHARD and BROOKS a special committee to consider and report upon Mr. COX's bill to promote trade with Brazil. This bill provides that the monthly mail service with that country shall be increased to semi-monthly, and that the additional service shall be performed in American steamers of not less than 3,000 tons burden.

FIRE-PROOF COMPOSITION.

An important trial of fire-proof composition has been made at the Navy-yard by direction of the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Treasury, under supervision of A. B. MULLETT, Esq., Supervising Architect of the Treasury. Two trials were made, one in the reberveratory furnace and one in the blast furnace. Both were eminently successful. The last resulted as follows: An iron chest, 16 inches in diameter, with a lining of 4 inches of the composition, also containing a wooden box, 4 inches in diameter, in which were deposited papers, money, and matches was placed in the blast furnace, and different metals placed all around it, after being subjected to an almost continuous blast of three hours; and after all the metals were melted, the chest was left in the furnace until this morning. Today as 4 o'clock P. M., under direction of the representatives of the Government, the three chests were opened and the contents were found to be in exactly the same condition as when they were put in, and the matches were used to light cigars with. The fire-proof composition is the discovery of two gentlemen from Detroit, one of whom, SIGMUND ROTHSCHILD, was present at the trial.

VISITORS.

Hon. W. B. ALLISON, Senator elect from Iowa, arrived in the city this morning, and during the day called upon the President, with whom he had a very agreeable interview. Hon. JAMES F. WILSON and Gen. G. M. DODGE, of Iowa, are also here. GEO. C. McKEE, Esq., of the St. Louis *Democrat*, is also in the City, and called upon the President today.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

The text of Earl GRANVILLE's letter to this Government will not reach here before Monday or Tuesday next, as it did not leave London until the 6th inst. Of course no reply will be framed until that is received.

JOHNSON, THE SHARPERS.

There is a law which provides that a witness examined before a committee of Congress shall not be proceeded against in the Courts touching any matter upon which he gave evidence. Under the operation of this law, Aaron JOHNSON, whose punishment of about $40,000, was discovered recently in the Treasurer's Office, was today discharged from custody, and the crime, to which, a few days ago, he was ready to plead guilty, must go unpunished. It seems that Mr. LYNCH's Committee, which is making an investigation into the expenditures of the Treasury, by inviting the thieves and the effect, and perhaps not the existence of the law, were induced to summon JOHNSON, who gave full testimony concerning his operation, and then pleaded the statute and escaped. The law was imperative, and the Committee's action saved him from the penitentiary.

JUDGE WRIGHT.

Judge WRIGHT, under arrest for frauds on the Interior Department and the Indians, has been trying to induce the Committee on Indian Affairs to summon him to testify before it, but the vigilant officers of the Department prevented the fulfillment of his wishes. The little game will not soon succeed after the example of JOHNSON.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate in Executive Session today confirmed the nomination of CHARLES WARNBURN, son of Minister WARNBURN, as Assistant Secretary of the Legation to France; and also that of SAMUEL C. WIGGAND as United States Attorney for Washington Territory.

EX-CONGRESSMAN STOKES' CASE.

Yesterday the counsel of WILLIAM B. STOKES, convicted of receiving pay while member of Congress for prosecuting claims, &c., moved an arrest of judgment on the ground that the indictment charged the offense was vague, indefinite, and defective, and that these faults could not be cured by a verdict. The Court this morning overruled the motion. Judge CARTER deferred sentence, and orders the case for hearing before the General Term. VICTOR G. POWELL was sentenced to pay a fine of $500. SETH JOHNSON's plea that he could not be tried because he had been before a Congressional Committee on the same charges was sustained, and the prosecutors proposing no new action in the case he was released.

THE PRESIDENT'S LEVEE.

The President's last levee of the season was held this evening, and the attendance was even larger than heretofore during the Winter, comprising the usual assemblage of members of the Cabinet, Supreme Court Judges, army and navy officers, Senators and Representatives in Congress, diplomats, and representatives of the great American public generally. Among those present were Senator TRUMBULL and Gen. PHIL. SHERIDAN. Mrs. GRANT assisted the President in receiving, together with Mrs. COLFAX and Mrs. Marshal SHARP.

A NOTABLE MARRIAGE.

At an early hour the only daughter of Justice SWAYNE, of the Supreme Court, and Mr. EDWIN PARSONS, of New-York City, were married, at the residence of the bride's father, in the presence of a small but very distinguished company, including the President, Vice-President, several members of the Cabinet, all the Justices of the Supreme Court, and a number of ladies and gentlemen occupying positions of the highest social and official prominence. The newly-married couple leave to-night for New-York, and thence on Saturday for Europe.

NEW-ORLEANS INVESTIGATION.

What the Testimony Proves—The Charges of Interference Against the President Disproved—How the Negroes Will Vote.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Special Committee to investigate the New-Orleans troubles returned to this city this morning. The evidence taken in the examination is very voluminous and has not yet been arranged or written out. It will, therefore, be from two to four weeks before the Committee will be able to prepare and present their report. On some minor points there may be differences in the minds of the majority members, but the evidence obtained, to the satisfaction of all, unqualifiedly exculpates the Administration from the charge so freely made, that it had taken sides in the factional contest in Louisiana, and that the United States officials there were acting under instructions to this effect. The single fact, abundantly proven, that some of these officials took sides with one faction, and some with the other, is enough to overthrow this charge. The Committee is of opinion that the legality of the sitting of that wing which expelled CARTER and his associates cannot be sustained, the evidence showing that a quorum of the duly elected members of the Legislature did not remain after the secession of CARTER's clique. This quorum was only finally obtained by the return, one by one, of quite a number of the seceders. It is doubtful if the report of the Committee will contain any recommendations regarding the State officers, or endeavor to judge as to the right and the wrong which may reside in the case of either faction of the Republican Party there. They do not anticipate that there will be any further trouble in the Legislature, but it is probable that the breach will continue to exist until it can be settled by another election. There will be a majority report from the two Democrats on the Committee. It is not probable, however, that they will attempt to make any point against the United States officials or the Administration. It will simply be the usual Democratic outcry against interference. They will be obliged, however, to deal with the disagreeable fact, abundantly sustained by the evidence, that however much corruption may exist in Louisiana, the Democrats are as deeply steeped in it as the Republicans. The Committee say that in one sense, there is no division, and that, in the overwhelming majority, Mr. SUMNER's views, the colored race are unanimous for President GRANT.

THE ERIE RING.

Five Years' Robbery and a Long List of Lawless Acts.

Fifty Millions Charged to a Fund Account—"What Have they Done With It?"—How Capital Increased and Dividends Decreased.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.—At a meeting of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate this afternoon, Senator O'REIRN's bill repealing the Erie Railway Directors' Classification act, and providing for a new election of directors, came up. Messrs. HALE, PECKHAM and McFARLAND appeared in behalf of the passage of the bill, and Mr. SHERMAN in opposition. After hearing Mr. HALE, the Committee adjourned further consideration of the subject to the 27th inst. The following are some of the statements made by Mr. HALE respecting the affairs of the road: 1867—stock, $26,111,810; funded debt, $22,420,930; total, $47,541,120. 1871—stock, $68,836,910; funded debt, $96,500,000; total, $165,336,910. Increase in the amount of stock and funded debt since 1867, when GOULD and FISK came in—in stock, $42,725,100; in funded debt, $73,879,070; total increase since 1867, $116,604,680. The above sum has never been accounted for by the directors, except by an evidently and concealed false entry in their reports. The construction account of the old New-York and Erie Railroad Company was closed some ten years ago, when the present Erie Railway Company was created; and the only way that the directors of the Erie Railway Company have attempted to account for the vast sum above mentioned, has been by the gross and glaring fraud of adding nearly $50,000,000 in their annual reports to the old "construction account" of the New-York and Erie Railroad Company. In the annual report of 1867, the amount charged to the New-York and Erie Railroad was $93,064,728 43. In the report of 1871, sworn to by JAY GOULD and L. D. RUCKER, the amount of this account is stated at $98,020,860 72, thus showing an apparent increase, since 1867, in an account which could by no possibility have been really increased a single dollar, of $47,061,522 23, and the only excuse for this evidently false entry and gross fraud made by Mr. SHERMAN in his remarks before the Railroad Committee of the Assembly, on Wednesday, was that the printed blanks furnished by the State Engineers contained no room for the entry of the real truth. These blanks, however, do contain places for the statement of the cost of the road and equipment, including grounds, buildings, locomotives, passenger and freight stations, engine and car houses, passenger and freight cars, locomotives and fixtures, all of which are filled up and credited to the directors at large figures, but nowhere, except in the false entry above mentioned, is there any accounting for the $47,000,000 there conceded, or for the $116,604,680 above mentioned, the increase of stock and funded debt. Besides this, the income accounts drawn from the annual reports show that this $68,000,000, added to the stock and debts, yield no return whatever under the present management, according to what they claimed to be true accounts. In 1867 the capital was $68,111,910. This yielded a net surplus for the shareholders of $1,048,900, or a little more than four per cent. on the capital. In 1871, with a capital of $98,836,910, their net surplus income is stated at $118,268, or thirteen-hundredths of one per cent. of the capital. In 1870, on a capital of over $93,000,000, a deficiency exists, which was reported of $292,021 49. Thus, according to these reports, the result of more than trebling their capital has been to almost, if not quite, wipe out the income of the road. Besides, these directors have been guilty of misconduct—first, in refusing to stockholders their rights of transfer; second, in fraudulently setting stock the owners of which were endeavoring to have transfers made; third, in refusing to exhibit to share-holders the stock, ledger and transfer books as required by law. Fourth, in passing a turbulent by-law denying the right of transfers of stock upon trusts and agencies which are perfectly lawful. Fifth, in voting and procuring votes upon stock standing on the books in the names of parties who have long since parted with it, while preventing the transfer of such stock to the present actual owners by seizure, orders of receivership and other fraudulent acts. The bill now before the Committee proposes first, to repeal the Classification act, so far as it affects the Erie Railway; second, to provide for a new election on the second Tuesday of July next, to be held by impartial inspectors, and to prohibit proxies, who have parted with their stock, from voting on it in person or by proxy, though it may stand in their names on the books. It also contains provisions designed to secure the stockholders their rights of inspection and examination of the transfer books and stock ledgers, and for a review by an impartial tribunal of any election of the directors of the company, and to prevent an interference with the election by injunctions fraudulently obtained and improvidently granted.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections met this afternoon to consider the Rossa vs. Tweed contested seat. Mr. TWEED appeared for TWEED, but no one appeared for ROSSA, the Committee adjourned until the 27th instant.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

A Block of Stores in Toronto Burned—Loss About $500,000.

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 15.—Nine of eleven wholesale stores known as the "Iron Block" in this city, were burned last night. The stores were occupied by some of the heaviest merchants. The following are the names of the sufferers, with their probable losses: Staunton & Co., paper manufacturers, $10,000; Dobble & Co., dry-goods, $6,000; John Robertson, dry-goods, $40,000; Jennings & Brandon, dry-goods, $40,000; John Charlesworth, dry-goods, $10,000; Barclay, Evans & Co., boots and shoes, $60,000; Mark Fisher & Co., dry-goods, $15,000; Livingston & Johnston, dry-goods, $25,000; Thos. Walls & Co., dry-goods, $20,000; S. S. Campbell, belting, $5,000; Brunel & Russell, drugs, $4,000; National Straw-works, $3,000. The total loss on stock and buildings is estimated at $500,000. A considerable quantity of goods were saved by removal. Three of the stores were owned by Moses Staunton, four by William Mylet, and the other four by Thompson & Burns. The following are the principal insurances; several are considerably over the amount of loss: Wells & Co., $107,000; Barclay, Evans & Co., $37,000; William Mylet building, $35,000; Jennings & Brandon, $20,000; John Robertson, $20,000; Dobble & Currie, $70,000; Livingston & Johnston, $15,000; S. S. Campbell, $5,000. The following offices suffer: Commercial Union, $16,000; Lancashire, $26,000; Andes, $22,000; Queen City, $7,000; Western, $32,000; Guardian, $14,000; British America, $5,000; Scottish Imperial, Unity, Liverpool and London and Globe, $44,000; North British and Mercantile, $21,000; Imperial, $20,000; Northern, $7,000; Ætna of Hartford, $18,000.

The Methodist Book Concern in Nashville Partially Burned.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.—A fire last night in the Methodist Book Concern extended to the composing-room. The materials and machinery were destroyed, together with the stereotype foundry and Dr. SUMNER's extensive library, containing many rare and valuable books. The bindery belonged to JOHN LOCKEY, of Philadelphia, and was uninsured. His loss is about $15,000. The loss in the composing-room is $10,000, and in the foundry $5,000. The plates in the vaults are uninjured. The damage to the presses is $3,000, and to the building $8,000. The insurance on the portion of the building burned is $6,000. The materials were all uninsured. A large number of persons are thrown out of employment by this disaster. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A Church and Five Buildings Burned in Shepherdsville, Ky.

MOUNT STERLING, Ky., Feb. 15.—A destructive fire occurred at Shepherdsville, Ky., on Tuesday, consuming the Presbyterian Church and five of the best business houses in the town. Three men were arrested, charged with causing the fire, and it was with difficulty that the mob could be prevented from hanging them.

Suicide of a Convert from Judaism to Christianity.

KINGSTON, Jam., Feb. 5.—Rev. Mr. ROSENFELDT, a convert from Judaism, who was sent out here by a society for the propagation of Christian knowledge among the Jews, committed suicide in his lodgings. He left a letter upon his dressing-table addressed to the Bishop of Kingston, declaring that he had been driven to the act because others were conspiring against him, but that he died in the full belief of the truth of Christianity. After making provision for his wife, who is now in Germany, he left the balance of his estate to be used in aid of the conversion of the Jews. The news of this suicide has produced a painful sensation in Kingston, particularly among the Jews, who were of opinion, before Mr. ROSENFELDT's letter was read, that he had renounced Christianity.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

Letter from Senator Wilson Defining his Position.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator WILSON has addressed the following letter to a politician and personal friend:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13, 1872.

DEAR SIR: You ask me "how the withdrawal by Mr. COLFAX of his irrevocable decision not to be a candidate affects your position?" I have to say in reply, that when the Vice-President announced that he should not be a candidate for re-election, and the position might be claimed by the friends of some Eastern or Southern man, many gentlemen, some of whom had kindly supported me in 1868, and others who had supported Mr. COLFAX, Mr. WADE, or Mr. FENTON, said, or wrote to me, that they intended to give me their influence for the Vice Presidency. I had just been elected for the fourth time to the Senate, had entered upon the full term, and had every reason to be gratified and satisfied with my position. This evidence of the personal regard and friendship of many of the noblest men of several States could not but greatly gratify and flattering recognition by the whole country, a feeling entertained by most men who have long been in the service of their States. After ascertaining that the Vice-President's decision was final, I assented to the request of friends before saving for Europe, early in June last. After my return and before the meeting of Congress, several leading men, in more than a dozen States, many of whom I had served with in Congress, assured me that they and the Republicans of their States were for my nomination. I have left this matter to others, and up to this date, to 12th of February, I have not written a word to anyone nor replied to the many letters I have received on the subject. The revocation by the Vice-President of his declaration was no a surprise. It placed me in an unpleasant position, and my first impulse was to withdraw from the contest. But by the advice of some of the best Republicans of the land, East, West and South, I leave the question to personal and political friends. Whatever may be the result, I shall be content and shall do what I can for the unity and success of the Republican Party, whoever may be its candidates, for I am bound to it alike by conviction and by association, by gratitude for its deeds of patriotism and liberty, and by hopes of the services I may yet render to the country.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

The Revolution Spreading—Juarez' Condition Declared Critical—A Report that Gen. Grant Intends to Support Diaz as a Last Alternative.

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—The steamer *City of Merida* arrived today from Vera Cruz. She bring the following important advices from Mexico:

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 8.—Gen. JULIO GARCIA, at the head of 500 men, pronounced in Colima, and so revolution is spreading in that State. A revolutionary movement is on foot in Guadalajara. The Legislature refused to grant Gov. VILLARTA dictatorial powers. The Governor nevertheless assumed them, and has imprisoned several influential politicians. Gen. CORONA, accompanied by an escort of 100 men, has disappeared. It is supposed he has left the country.

The Government has gained advantages in the State of Guerero. The largest half of the State of Puebla and of Vera Cruz is in the hands of the revolutionists. DOMINGUEZ, the revolutionary leader, is in the State of Vera Cruz. MENDEZ is Commander-in-Chief, and has his head-quarters in the Sierra Puebla. Oaxaca is in the hands of the Government; but ALATORRE's army is required in that State to keep the peace.

The body of Ex-Gov. FELIX DIAZ was brought to Pachuila on the 23d ult. It was stated that he was killed in an engagement, but it is generally believed that he was treacherously surprised and assassinated. Reports from different sources indicate that he was assassinated; but the Federal commander insists that he was killed in an engagement.

President JUAREZ is gradually increasing his dictatorship. Although the Governors protest against the proclamations of a state of siege, the States of Octaxaca San Luis and Hidalgo are under military rule altogether. The States of Nuevo-Leon, Durango, Zacatecas and Sinaloa have revolutionary Governments. Gov. COSTA, at the head of 800 men, evacuated Zacatecas on hearing of the defeat of the Federals.

It is reported that President JUAREZ applied to President GRANT for assistance, and that President GRANT replied that he would support President JUAREZ as a last alternative. President JUAREZ intends to proclaim martial law in the State of Guanajuato.

A band sacked Pascanchu, near Cordoba, on the 24 inst., and afterward stopped the trains on the Vera Cruz Railroad. Gen. ZERPADA defeated the revolutionists on the 24 at San Felipe. The bulk of the Federal forces is concentrating at Guanaguato and in the capital. Two revolutionary vessels captured a German lark carrying a battalion of Federals, near Matatlan, the Federals having forcibly seized the vessel.

LATER.—The revolutionists have captured Aguas Calientes. Juaristas say, President GRANT must now act promptly if he intends to help JUAREZ. The number of revolutionists in the field is estimated at 20,000, the largest ever in arms. The Government is, nevertheless, holding out.

A plan is proposed for JUAREZ to retire, resign, and promote MEJIA, his Minister of War, to assume the Presidency. Gen. SATORNE OCHOA has fallen back from Aguas Calientes to Lagos. A large force of revolutionists is marching on Guadalajara. Consternation prevails here.

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—1 A. M.—The highest barometer, which was, Wednesday night, central in Tennessee, is now, apparently, in South Carolina. The barometer has fallen decidedly over the Mississippi Valley, and has risen slowly over the Middle and Eastern States. An area of low pressure has apparently developed rapidly in Texas and Kansas, and now extends, with rain, to the Mississippi Valley. Cloudy weather is reported thence north-eastward over the Ohio Valley, the Middle States and the Lake region. Clear weather has prevailed in the South Atlantic States and in the extreme north-west. Lower barometer, with rain, has been reported from Oregon.

PROBABILITIES.

The barometer will probably fall on Friday very generally from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast, with cloudy weather; the lowest pressure move north-westward over the Ohio Valley, with rain and fresh winds; northerly winds prevail on Lakes Erie and Michigan, and westerly winds, backing to east, in the Middle and Eastern States. Dangerous winds are not anticipated for Friday morning in the Atlantic and Gulf States.

THE BROOKLYN RING.

Flight of an Associate of "Boss" McLaughlin—The Sheriff Said to be After Him for Robbery.

WILLIAM L. GILL, one of "Boss" McLAUGHLIN's right-hand men, is among the missing. He stepped out on the evening of the 8th inst., since which time he has not been seen, one of the causes that led to his hasty departure being a desire to evade the Sheriff of Kings County, who was armed with a warrant for GILL's arrest. Great efforts have been made to keep the facts in the case from the public, but the truth seems to be that Wm. L. GILL is a fugitive from justice on the charge of forgery.

It is alleged that he drew up a mortgage representing $4,500, signed the name of Mrs. LEE, of the Mansion House, Brooklyn, to it, and forged a certificate of acknowledgment upon which he effected a loan. The crime was discovered, instead of paying over the money, GILL departed. GILL is a member of the Bar, an influential and prominent Ring Democrat, and a member of the Law Committee of the Board of Education, Brooklyn. He is about thirty years of age, and lived at the Mansion House in splendid style. Other transactions of an equally questionable character are alleged to have been perpetrated by GILL, are coming to the surface. Among them is a recent dealing with his father-in-law, wherein that gentleman was duped to the tune of $10,000, a suit for the recovery of that amount being now pending.

WHOLESALE SMUGGLING

An Extraordinary Series of Operations in Linen and Jute Goods.

The Government Defrauded and Merchants Perplexed—The Conspiracy Unmasked and the Alleged Principal Entrapped.

Quite a sensation prevailed in mercantile circles of this City during the past few days, over the development of alleged frauds by which the Government has probably lost a large amount of revenue, and the reputable linen importing houses of New-York sustained serious embarrassments to their business. The matter came to the surface last week through the arrest of one W. J. POLLOCK, an importer of this City, on a complaint from the office of the Special Agents of the Treasury; and the system pursued in these alleged schemes of fraud and irregular importations is marked by adroitness rarely matched by the most cunning devices. The Government detectives have been somewhat puzzled in getting a clue at the unlawful business, or fixing upon the precise theory upon which certain transactions, under suspicion, could be successfully carried on. And not until the combined efforts of the Treasury authorities and several merchants were elicited in the investigation, was the *modus operandi* of the smuggler unraveled, and the author discovered.

As before stated, the leading linen importers of New-York have experienced a sensible depression in trade for several months. Not thus the demand for goods in certain lines had fallen off, but because the market seemed to be controlled, for some unaccountable reasons by particular persons, who offered inducements in prices that could not be competed with successfully by those who received importations in the regular way. This was especially true of fabrics known to the trade as Dundee goods. This condition of things existed until it became a matter of serious importance to houses pursuing a legitimate business to know whether they could go on or not, as their trade had become at times almost paralyzed. Finally a solution of the difficulty was sought in a systematic and determined investigation of the subject, whereupon intimations reached the Customs authorities that the interests of the revenue might be involved as well as that of individuals. The result of a searching inquiry disclosed something like wholesale rascality.

It appears from evidence already adduced that large shipments of linen goods have been regularly received per the various Liverpool steamers since the early part of last Summer, from a firm on the other side named J. K. ROBERTS & Co. The goods embraced nearly all kinds of linen articles, but chiefly consisted of Dundee goods, such as burlaps, jute toweling, and an immense quantity of jute bags. In almost every instance the consignments were made "to order," and invoiced to one JOHN DAVENPORT, of New-York. In some cases, however, invoices came to Messrs. MORTON, BLISS & Co., bankers, in order probably to secure the punctual payment thereof by the parties who ordered the goods, the bankers being only collecting agents, but having no interest as owners therein, and hence totally ignorant of the fraud contemplated. It will be observed, first, that all these consignments came in an indirect way from Liverpool, instead of taking the natural course of direct shipments from the foreign linen markets, and this feature formed one suspicious circumstance in the business. It having come to the light that the goods invoiced in these consignments were being "sacrificed" in the market, and the wholesale trade seriously prejudiced thereby, it became a subject of anxious inquiry who the JOHN DAVENPORT was that had so much to "sacrifice" or throw away. After faithful research, JOHN DAVENPORT was abandoned as a myth, but in his stead a live man appeared in the person of one THOMAS McGRATH, boss cartman, pseudo accountant, &c. He was found to have made the entries at the Custom-house, as attorney for the mythical JOHN DAVENPORT, which name was, doubtless, used to screen the real offender; and the conjecture arose, meanwhile, whether DAVENPORT and the employer of McGRATH were not one, and McGRATH was W. J. POLLOCK's cartman. By a careful analysis of the invoices and entries in the Custom-house, and comparison thereof with the goods sold, the existence of extensive frauds was conclusively shown. Of the many invoices involving thousands of dollars, the mention of a few will serve to illustrate the manner in which the frauds occurred: In the case of jute bags, a consignment was received per steam-ship *Newfoundland* on her previous voyage in December, consisting of 100 bales of bags, each bale purporting to contain 500 bags, and invoiced at twopence halfpenny per bag, making in all 50,000 bags, whereon duty was paid at the price specified. The marks and numbers on each bale were made upon a piece of canvas sewed on the respective bales, so that the moment the goods were removed from view of the Custom-house officers the marks and numbers were taken off and the identity thereof destroyed, so far as comparison with the invoice was concerned. Among these bales would be one or more to answer to the invoice description, and these were usually sent to a public store, thus misleading the Custom-house as to the exact quantity and quality of merchandise. In one instance, however, an entire lot of thirty bales, per steam-ship *Baltic*, in September, went to public store, and were withdrawn upon an alleged fraudulent invoice and entry, notwithstanding the measurement of the bales in the bill of lading, upon which freight charges were paid, called for about 45,000 bags, or three times the quantity on which duty was paid. The presumption arises, therefore, that the examination was not very thorough in the public store. But in in the instance first cited, while the goods were much undervalued, the actual quantity or number of bags was 150,000, instead of 50,000. In the matter of prices, also, undervaluation, is alleged on all shipments by at least fifty, and in many cases one hundred per cent. What with undervaluation at such a rate, and large importations, a pretty profitable business must have been realized.

Concurrent judges place the quantity of bags brought in after the manner described, at two or three millions, and no wonder is now expressed that reputable dealers suffered accordingly. Of course these goods were sold at a large discount, and money was made even then. In the case of burlaps, the same system of false invoices prevailed, also in the misdeanment of fine linen goods, the invoices called for coarse jute toweling, &c. The deeper this thing is probed, the more enormous the fraud appears, and princely fortunes are said to have been made at the expense of the Government and honest merchants. Three large invoices of bags and linens are now in the possession of the Government, and will probably be confiscated. An attempt to enter two lots of linens as coarse jute toweling was recently made by McGRATH. An invoice for one lot was sworn to before the United States Consul for thirteen cases of jute toweling valued at 400 c. ed., and another lot of twenty-two cases at 2,167 11s. 6d., but bearing alarmed entry was made by private invoice, the first lot at 3333 13s. 7d., and the twenty-two cases at about $1,400, making a difference of some $12,000 on two small shipments. If, therefore, these specimens be anything to judge by, the amount of goods committed must be allowed unfathomable. Upon such revelations as to details, the investigation was directed to the discovery of the principal actor, or real party in interest and ownership of the goods, and through diligent search, something stronger than suspicion rested upon Wm. J. POLLOCK, of the quondam firm of W. J. POLLOCK & Co., Broadway, but the "company" dissolved from the firm some months ago. POLLOCK was thereupon arrested by the United States Marshal last Tuesday, and held to bail in the sum of $10,000 to await the action of the Grand Jury. In the interest thereon appeared as bondsman. A warrant is also out for the arrest of the facile dupe of POLLOCK, who may be able to show that he was an innocent agent, but none the less willing tool in the hands of an adventurous tradesman. POLLOCK is represented to have made considerable flourish on the revenue and at fashionable resorts, and he is now said to have had a little unpleasantness with the revenue authorities once before on account of some little irregularities. The linen importers, however, may now reasonably look for some improvement in business, and the Government will probably realize more duties.

Excitement Among the Stockholders of the Eastern Railroad.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 15.—The stockholders of the Eastern Railroad held an excited and protracted meeting today, the principal business being the choice of a Board of Directors. There were seven tickets offered, and after a session of seven hours the Committee appointed to count votes departed without having counted the count, but the following tickets is no doubt, elected: Samuel Hooper, Franklin Haven, Benjamin F. Stevens, Thornton K. Lothrop, all of Boston; John Wooldredge, of Lynn; Henry L. Williams, of Salem; Ichabod Goodwind, of Portsmouth. About 25,000 votes were cast. The blocking is adjourned until Monday to receive the report of the Committee.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Reorganization of Work in France—M. Bardoux to be Minister to Washington—Sentencing of Catholic Bishops.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—The adherents of the Ex-Emperor NAPOLEON are actively engaged among the working men of the Arrondissements of Belleville and Villette, endeavoring to create a feeling in favor of his return to the throne of France. It is now rumored that M. BRUNEMET will be the Minister to Washington, and M. DE LA RONCHERE the Minister to Rome. Some delegates of the Right in the Assembly are going to Antwerp to submit to the Count DE CHAMBORD their programme of action with regard to monarchy in France, and endeavor to obtain his sanction thereto; but there is little hope of success; it is a foregone conclusion that the Count will refuse to make any concessions.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The corporation of Liverpool propose to buy the tramways now in operation or building in that city.

ROME, Feb. 15.—A consistory for the nomination of Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church will be held in this city on the 19th inst.

[Owing to a derangement of the Newfoundland wires, no cable dispatches were received last night.]

The Alabama Claims—Rumors and Opinions in Paris—The Ballot in England.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—It is reported here on good authority that the United States will not waive their claims on England for indirect damages, but may be induced to moderate them. Hon. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, the American member of the Geneva tribunal will return to Europe in May. The *Journal des Debats*, commenting on the controversy over the *Alabama* claims, declares that England and America are both wrong, and fears a pretracted misunderstanding may lead to a rupture.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the House of Commons, to-night, the Ballot bill passed its second reading by a vote of 109 against 81. The House of Lords engaged in a long and bitter debate on a motion made by the Marquis of SALISBURY to censure the Government for COLLIER's appointment. The motion was rejected by a very close vote, viz., 89 to 87.

Affairs in France—Tax on Newspapers.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—All hopes of a fusion of the Orleanists and Legitimists are abandoned. The Assembly today debated with much feeling a proposal to head all tax papers with the words, "occasioned by the war of 1870." The Left moved to add to these words "declared by Napoleon," and the Right moved as a further addition, "and continued by the Government of September." The amendment of the Left was adopted and the original motion the Assembly.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT arrived at Havana yesterday.

JOSEPH BURNS, who was shot on Monday afternoon at Fells Point, Md., by JOHN WISEMAN, died yesterday.

The ship *Franconia*, from Newport for New-York, in ballast, was driven out of her course by a storm, and put into Nassau.

SAMUEL CLARK, of Lincoln, was yesterday elected General Treasurer of Rhode Island by the General Assembly.

Broome County has elected thirteen Republican and six Democratic Supervisors. There is one vacancy.

The Government of Jamaica advertises for proposals for a monthly mail service by steamers between Jamaica and New-York.

The greatest revival of religion ever known in Leavenworth, Kansas, is now going on.

The cable from Kingston, Jam., to Porto Rico is working again, two breaks having been repaired.

The factory building of the Rock Island (Ill.) Glass-works was destroyed by fire on Wednesday. The loss is $11,000.

Steps are being taken in the Alabama Legislature to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the outstanding State liabilities.

The corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple on St. Charles-street, New-Orleans, was laid yesterday.

The New-Hampshire State Democratic Committee is in session in Concord, discussing the campaign.

A burglar broke the window of a pawnbroker's shop in Pittsburg, Penn., last evening, and abstracted diamonds valued at $1,200.

Lieut. H. C. WISNER has been detached from Tornedo duty and granted leave of absence for one year.

Medical Director WILLIAM GRIER has been detached from the Examining Board and ordered to the Naval Hospital at Annapolis.

At a meeting of railroad officials, in Mobile, Ala., yesterday, the rates to New-York were reduced from $47 to $40.

A bill to confer the elective franchise on women was introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature.

JAMES FLANAGAN was drowned, yesterday

OUR CRIPPLED COMMERCE.

Causes of Its Depression—Importance of Maritime Statistics—The American Navy, and Its Decline—Letter from Donald McKay.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have been requested recently to set before the public some information relating to the depressed condition of our merchant marine. It is well known at home and abroad that the United States stood before the late rebellion as the leading nation of the world in amount of merchant marine tonnage, also for beauty of construction, and their able command and seamen. From the New-York *Marine Register* for 1861 I have compiled a table of ships and barks eighteen years old and upward, built in the United States, and rated as still in best going condition, and find their number to be 420 ships and 268 barks, with an average age of twenty-four and a half years. From this fact it is proven that wooden vessels built of white-oak, pitch-pine and locust, having copper and iron fastenings, are more durable than iron vessels, superior in speed for long voyages, and preferable in any case for certain cargoes of merchandise, such as tea, sugar, guano and rice.

It may be said that the iron ship requires only light repairs compared with a wooden one. This is so if the wooden vessel is built of poor material and badly constructed, but in parallel cases the iron ship is most expensive. Take for example the British Government transport *Mogul*, built of iron by Mr. FAIRBAIRN, who is well known as the most thorough and practical iron ship-builder of England, and an author of some valuable works on iron ship-building. This ship sailed from Plymouth for Australia in 1870, having 340 troops on board, and half way between Cape of Good Hope and St. Paul's she sprung a leak and was run ashore on the island. An Admiralty report was made on her, and we learn that when ten years old she was thoroughly repaired, newly riveted, and her inside covered with cement to keep the iron from oxidizing. The Admiralty report further says that no iron bottom over twelve years old is seaworthy. I have recently examined in the port of Boston an iron ship called the *Hindostan*, built in Glasgow in 1863, rating A1 by British Lloyds. On her voyage to Boston she experienced no unusual heavy weather, yet the surveyors report that they found eleven beams, between the fore and main masts, broken entirely off at each end at the clamps, parting wholly from the frames and gusset straps, and two of the main-hatch beams broken in four places. These examples, with hundreds of other similar cases that might be given, prove that an iron ship is not so safe as a wooden one, unless she is extra built. From what I have said, it must not be understood that there are not any good iron vessels built, for, having crossed the Atlantic many times in the last thirty years in both wooden and iron steamers, in all seasons of the year, I believe that an iron vessel is best where a propeller is used for crossing the Atlantic and other short voyages, and for river purposes. With the fast before us of 137 iron steamers constantly plying between the United States and Europe, any fair, candid mind must acknowledge that the most of them are fine, strong seaboats, and well constructed. Some of them, of course, are poor seaboats, owing to a bad design of model, having no sheer forward, and but little stability, and the consequence is they take on board large quantities of water forward. Since 1860 the United States has lost in sea-going tonnage 450,000 tons. In the year 1855 there was built in the United States 2,094 vessels, with a combined tonnage of 583,450 tons; while in the year 1870 there were only built 716 vessels amounting to 136,014 tons, showing a tonnage difference of over 76 per cent. loss. Keeping on at this ratio our tonnage will be soon exhausted. The United States is the only nation that has an abundance of superior wood for ship-building purposes. Taking our pitch-pine of the South, there is none in the world to compare with it; our live and white oak is superior to that of Great Britain, both for strength, soundness and durability, as proved by the following table:

WEIGHT OF A CUBIC FOOT OF	Virginia White-oak.		Southern Pitch-pine.	
	Round.	Square.	Round.	Square.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
After felling	64.74	67.30	67.51	69.21
One year after felling	62.89	63.14	65.89	66.13
Four years after felling	45.97	49.99	54.25	56.49

Each of the above numbers are the mean of experiments on twelve different pieces of timber cut from different trees, and the experiments were made by Mr. JARVIS, timber inspector of Gosport Navy-yard.

Weight of a cubic foot of live-oak, according to GRIFFITH: Green, 73.99 pounds; seasoned, 66.75 pounds. This timber is used for the frames of the United States men-of-war ships, and is considered by all naval men to be almost imperishable.

Tensile strength of American white-oak and English oak, per one square inch; from APPLETON'S *Dictionary of Mechanics*: English oak, 9,820 pounds to 10,224 pounds; American white-oak, 11,801 pounds.

Specific gravity and transverse strength, per one square inch, of English oak, and American white and live oak; according to various observers: extracted from a table published in Vol. V. of the *Professional Papers of the Royal Engineers*.

Name of Observer.	English Oak. Spec. gr.	English Oak. Strength.	American White Oak. Spec. gr.	American White Oak. Strength.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Lieut. Nelson	.924	1,023	946	1,000
Mr. Moore	.816	1,089	838	1,099
Mr. Barlow	.934	1,072	872	1,166
Lieut. Dennison	.733	1,056	.773	1,020
Mean results	.829	1,094	.781	1,149

American live-oak—Specific gravity, 1.140; strength, 1,862 lbs. According to these experiments, the advantage of hardness, combined with strength, is entirely on the side of American white-oak.

From the comparison of the oak of the two countries, it is proven that ours is superior to that of England, notwithstanding all the prejudices of British Lloyds which we have to contend with. The favorite English motto, "fair play," is lost sight of by British Lloyds, when we ask them to give vessels of our flag the rating we merit, and should receive on their books. You cannot find our vessels entered in the register of British Lloyds, nor a classification given each; but as soon as the flag is changed, and she becomes a British vessel, they will then rate and class her on the same principle as their own build, and in accordance with her own merit, and we are called selfish and unjust for not opening free trade to the English flag. In all the marine registers of our country every vessel entering our ports is rated and classed, no matter under what flag she may be, and it is done without prejudice, yet, for in many cases I know the rating of foreign ships here in the United States has been higher than would be given our own ships built of the same material.

We have in the United States, as is well known, complicated and unsatisfactory systems of rating and classification of vessels, for there are, including the French Lloyd's system, four distinct systems, each one claiming to be the best in manner of construction, and yet widely at variance. This causes great confusion and loss to ship-owners in foreign ports, and I would suggest as a remedy that the United States Government adopt for our vessels a universal system of rating. This, I think, would be a great national relief, if it could be done without interfering with the private rights of ship-owners.

Our Pennsylvania iron, of which we have an inexhaustible supply, is well known to be superior in quality to that of England for marine purposes, and in addition to having the best materials, we also have the best skilled labor in the world. We must have iron propellers for our European trade, and, with relief from the Government, they can be built in this country as cheap and as good, both hull and machinery, as in Great Britain.

Since the close of the war our ship-yards have been officially visited yearly by Congressional committees for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting to Congress the condition of American ship-building, and they found most of the yards vacant, with grass growing where formerly keels were laid. The question naturally arises, what has become of the thousands of skilled mechanics who were once kept so busy in these yards, constructing and equipping in one year such a vast number of vessels as I have shown? I have met many of my best ship-building mechanics in various States of the Union, even scattered as far as San Francisco and Oregon, engaged not in ship-building, but in the building of wharves, bridges, houses, factories, &c., learning a new trade, mostly, after passing the meridian of life.

Now, how can this depression in ship-building be remedied? For comparing its past record with the present it is evident that a radical wrong exists, and the remedy, the mechanical class with myself, say is in the power of Congress; but the doctrine having existed so long, mechanics have but little hope of any legislation effecting a revival—seven years is a long time to wait the fulfilment of Congressional promises.

I hope the time will arrive soon when again we will stand ahead of the world in the extent of our commerce. Hon. SAM. HOOPER, of Massachusetts, has introduced a bill for the building of ten sloops-of-war; for the sake of our shipwrights and engineers this should have been twenty, ten to have been constructed in private yards to be iron propellers designed as seaport ports, and would be well adapted for carrying our mails. The British Government, for the purpose of assisting private yards, during the last eight years has built thirty-one vessels, war and transport, with an aggregate tonnage of 117,116 tons.

To show the facilities we have for ship-building, and also the present depressed condition of that branch of labor, we will look around Boston and vicinity, for example, and we find instead of twenty-two ship-building firms formerly all busily engaged, employing hundreds of men, only three firms in operation engaged in building a total of one ship and two schooners. I have already stated that we have the best skilled labor with the best material in abundance at our command and the greatest facilities for ship-building, and, as example, I would herewith state that with these skilled mechanics I constructed in fourteen months' time, during the years 1855 and 1856, fourteen ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 21,000 tons (builder, and eight of these ships being on English account, were delivered in England within the time named—fourteen months. Being a practical man and understanding this line of the business thoroughly, I know whereof what I write, having built and equipped 136 ships, registering 150,000 tons.

Perhaps it is not out of place in this connection to suggest further protection for our flag by placing all foreign passenger-steamers under the same rules and regulations as the laws of England applies to the United States passenger vessel as well as her own. There passenger vessels, of any nationality, are compelled to comply with the passenger laws for the safety of life. The United States Government permits all foreign passenger-steamers to leave United States ports without any compliance with United States passenger steamboat laws, thus giving them extra privileges, because they have the protection of a foreign flag. They may leave our ports with no restriction as to number of passengers; having no boats, spare anchors or life-preservers, if they choose so to do, may go with a broken propeller or crippled machinery, while the United States flag has to comply strictly with the laws.

While on the subject of the depression of American commerce I would add another fact relating thereto. Messrs. WILLIAM H. WELD & Co. have built for two years, till recently, the frames for two wooden ships awaiting some action of Congress for relief before building. Finally, having given up all hopes of aid from Government, they shipped one of these ship's frames to St. John's, N.B., having made a contract to build and ship the ship Stockton under the British flag, having a large amount by so doing, while our ship-building mechanics will be employed at their new trades of wharf, bridge, dock and factory building.

The New-York Chamber of Commerce has presented a memorial to Congress asking for a subsidy for the purpose of carrying the United States mails to Europe. This would be a national mockery of relief, even were more money granted than is paid to foreign flags; certainly there are enough facts before Congress on this subject to enable them to take some action toward relief this present session.

The following are the duties (in gold) upon various articles entering into the construction of a new ship of 1,000 tons:

Iron, 120,000 pounds	$1,200 00
Iron spikes, 1,800 pounds	749 15
Galvanized Spikes, 2,400 pounds	60 23
Castings, 14,000 pounds	210 12
Chain-cable and rigging chains, 24,000 pounds	1,457 50
Anchors, 10,700 pounds	240 75
Metal and Nails, 29,328 pounds	711 63
Sash, 1,200 feet	216 00
Manila, 12,423 pounds	310 57
Hemp, 28,174 pounds	893 22
Duck for sails and house-top, including spare sails, 7,150 yards	714 99
Cleat rings, 1,800 pounds	36 00
Copper bolts, composition castings, paints, oils, crockery, cabin trimmings, nails and sundry outfits	1,225 00
Total	$7,510 39

Although in times past I have written so much with regard to our navy, yet I feel that I cannot close without again bringing it before the public. At the present time our navy list shows that we are in a most deplorable condition. In looking it over we see we have not very few sea-going war ships fit for foreign stations. Notwithstanding we had a large fleet at the close of the war, but these were only adapted for harbor defense, and built expressly for the purpose of shoal draft to protect our coast where vessels of heavy draft fit for foreign service would have been useless. The comparison of these few vessels with the navies of foreign Powers should cause every true American to blush for shame, and I sincerely hope there is patriotism enough left in our representatives in Congress to pass a bill and put our navy in a respectable attitude before the world. The vacancies under the new organization of the various Bureaus of Construction and Engineering have been filled by men of skill and ability.

The honorable Secretary of the Navy is a man of talent and favors progress, and his selections for the heads of the Departments of Construction and Engineering are men whose ability is not surpassed in America. They can construct hulls and machinery that will be equal if not superior to any in the world of their class.

American citizens feel a pride in their flag. Let it once more wave over every sea!

DONALD McKAY.

BOSTON, Monday, Feb. 12, 1873.

GENERAL SESSIONS BUSINESS.

Long Sentence of Another Highway Robber—Trial of Harris for Homicide—His Acquittal—The Trial of Moore Postponed—Accused and Complainant in Custody.

The Court of General Sessions was crowded yesterday, two important cases being on the calendar for trial—one of them HARRIS, for the killing of HASSEN, and the other that of MOORE, the notorious emigrant swindler. A number of other cases were called, some of the accused being acquitted, and the trials of others postponed. A case of highway robbery was tried, and Recorder HACKETT sentenced the offender to the full extent of the law, as Judge BEDFORD had done on Tuesday, giving the criminal, JOHN RYAN, twenty years' imprisonment at hard labor. The prisoner RYAN, twenty-eight years of age, a wood molder, from Troy, on Sunday, 24th December, at 2 A. M., assaulted Mrs. LENA HIGHINGBERG, of No. 403 Ninth-avenue, who was on her way to a drug-store in the neighborhood to get some medicine for her sick husband. RYAN stopped her in the street, and, demanding her watch, grabbed her by the throat, choked her, and snatching her pocket-book containing a couple of dollars, threatened to kill her if she screamed. RYAN was fortunately arrested by Officer FISHER, and has now been sent to where Judge BEDFORD and Recorder HACKETT say that they intend to consign all such desperadoes convicted before them, for the full period allowed by the law.

Great interest was manifested in the trial of WM. H. HARRIS, mate of the schooner *Julia E. Gerrasay*, for the murder of SAMUEL H. HASSEN, on the 21st of January last. It will be remembered that the deceased, on board the vessel of which HARRIS was the mate, when it was lying at the foot of West Twenty-fourth-street, HARRIS was set upon by several of the crew who had a grudge against him, and HASSEN, who had come to his assistance, was mortally stabbed by HARRIS in self defense. Yesterday Capt. FITCHER, Thos. ANDERSON and BURKHART, of the schooner, Officer MURPHY, who arrested the prisoner, and PATRICK RILEY, a night watchman, who saw a part of the affray, were examined, and the testimony elicited at the Coroner's inquest was substantially given again. Recorder HACKETT delivered a careful charge to the jury, who, without leaving their seats, returned a verdict of not guilty. HARRIS, a big burly seaman, burst into tears on the announcement, and was led out of the court-room weeping like a child.

The case of CHARLES MOORE was called, and the prisoner's counsel pleading that his associate counsel, Mr. OLLIVION, was out of the City, showing a telegraphic dispatch from him, asked for a postponement of his trial. His counsel urged that the haste in this case was a response to the urging of the Press, and he claimed that it would

LAW REPORTS.

COURT OF APPEALS—[illegible]

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—Nos. 1 to 12 inclusive for Feb. 17, were called and disposed of. [illegible] Freeman, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—Motions [illegible] Ketchum, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—Motions [illegible]

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—Part I.—Held by Freeman, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—No. 1 Ward vs. Thompson; 1622, Thompson et al. vs. Ward et al.; 1623, Ward vs. Thompson et al. vs. Hamilton et al.; 1624, Ward vs. Thompson et al. vs. Hamilton et al.; 1625, Grocers' National Bank, New-York, vs. Gaddis et al.; 1626, Powell et al. vs. Gaddis et al.; 1627, Powell et al. vs. Whitney et al.; 1628, Garvin et al. vs. Lanham; 1672, Sidwick et al. vs. Wall et al.; 1673, Sinclair, Jr., et al. vs. Wilson; 1674, Birmingham et al. vs. Staats; 1675, Smallwood, Limited, vs. Wall et al.; 1676, Baker et al. vs. Baker et al.; 1677, Rosa, Jr., vs. Brainc; 1677, Little vs. Munson; 1680, Baker et al. vs. Dewees et al.; 1681, The Brewster Station, Boston, Mass., vs. Finegan et al.; 1682, The Merrick Bank vs. Bissell; 1683, Ward et al. vs. Stockwell; 1684, Marble Mills Company vs. Coates et al.; 1685, Leach vs. Dexheimer; 1686, Conity vs. Wallace; 1688, Gillies et al. vs. Cary; 1689, Wilson vs. Forrest; 1690, Aspell vs. Gallat.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Part II.—Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—Short cause.—Motion vs. the Mayor of New-York City; 2687, Hansen vs. Co. vs. Lynch; 1184, Tomlinson et al. vs. Dayton; 1802, Whitehouse vs. Hanley; 1866, Amsterdam vs. Lyon Insurance Co. vs. Finck; 1866, Reid vs. Leavitt; 1867, Rausch vs. Frank; 1868, Mallon et al. vs. Wolcott; 1869, Wood vs. Hall; 1870, Mallon et al. vs. Hard as Treasurer of St. John's M. E. School vs. Cole; 1871, Pettigrew vs. Mullins; 1872, Mapkes vs. Caley et al.; 2546½, Rudd vs. Engelman; 1873, Harvey et al. vs. Mason; 2002, Sarle vs. Sarle; 1874, Bennett et al. vs. Cornell Imp'd.; 2532, Van Name et al. vs. Keating; 2104, O'Neil vs. McCormick; 2000, Fisher vs. Mott; 1624, Mark vs. Hemboldt; 1876, Wilson vs. Reice; 2032, Am. Venting and Savings Co. vs. Brewster et al.; 1877, Brant et al. vs. Krane; 1878, Ogden vs. Lathrop; 1879, Gaillard vs. Lanham; 1881, Trevor et al. vs. Smith et al.; 1720, Julian et al. vs. Smith et al.; 1471, Howard vs. Monk et al.; Boisé cause; 1471, Howard vs. Ford vs. France; 1573, Pohalski vs. Mutual Life Insurance Company, New-York; 1576, Black vs. Rosenbaum; 1577, Hartlett vs. Fiske; 1578, Bird vs. Frank; 1582, Cook et al. vs. Fleischhacker et al.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.—Part I.—Held by Sedgwick, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—1004, Marshall vs. O'Brien, Sheriff; 1005, Andrews vs. Davis vs. Broadway and Seventh-avenue Railroad Company; 382, Mitchel vs. Dix; 1001, Maguire vs. Dissmore; 793, Kelly et al. vs. Ferguson; 1, Hatter vs. Pell; 1, Bennett vs. Thomas; 48, Ward vs. Talcott vs. Redding; 340, Lawson vs. Chalmers; 1008, Sims vs. Fitzgerald; 90, Clark vs. National Bank, New-York; 818, Reade vs. Clark et al.; 1049, Schoyen vs. Marrett.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—Part I.—Held by J. P. Daly, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—508, Sullock vs. O'Brien, Sheriff; 682, Pugsley vs. Morgan; 1041, Rathbone vs. Hall; 1042, Rathbone vs. Hall; 1043, Hawkins; 1136½, Gordon vs. Schater; 60, McCauley, Adm'x, vs. Gans; 1237, Carrajal vs. Migel; 1238, Dowey vs. Vanderweyd; 1239, Ross vs. McLean; 1240, Holbrook vs. Fulton; 1241, Jones vs. Duncan, owner; 1242, Exner et al. vs. Bruner et al.; 1244, Crosby vs. Reader; 1247, Bank of North America vs. National Bank of the Commonwealth; 1249, Winnie vs. Oakley.

COMMON PLEAS—Part II.—Held by J. H. Hilton, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—1174, Behrens et al. vs. Stephanie et al.; 1216, Martin vs. O'Brien, Sheriff; 1176, Mehrbach et al. vs. Trageser; 1238, Hay et al. vs. Lawrence; 1[illegible], Goldsmith vs. O'Brien, Sheriff; 1[illegible], Abrams vs. O'Brien, sheriff; 1250, Viele vs. Hay; 1251, Menzes vs. Hay; 1252, Williams et al. vs. Seymour et al.; 1253, Graves vs. Durand; 1255, Adams et al. vs. Bell; 1256, Shields vs. Lacey et al.; 1257, Stombardi vs. Dunning et al.; 1258, Mulford et al. vs. Hitchcock; 1260, Bishop vs. Dougan.

COMMON PLEAS—EQUITY TERM—Held by Larremore, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—34, Bartlett vs. [illegible]

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part I.—Held by J. J. Daly, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—508, Sullock vs. O'Brien, Sheriff; 682, Pugsley vs. Morgan; 1041, Rathbone vs. Hall; 1042, Rathbone vs. Hall; 1043, Hawkins; 1136½, Gordon vs. Schater; 60, McCauley, Adm'x, vs. Gans; 1237, Carrajal vs. Migel; 1238, Dowey vs. Vanderweyd; 1239, Ross vs. McLean; 1240, Holbrook vs. Fulton; 1241, Jones vs. Duncan, owner; 1242, Exner et al. vs. Bruner et al.; 1244, Crosby vs. Reader; 1247, Bank of North America vs. National Bank of the Commonwealth; 1249, Winnie vs. Oakley.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Held by John K. Hackett, Recorder.—1, The People vs. Thomas Bacon, robbery; 2, The People vs. Cornelius McSweeney, Thomas Ford, grand larceny; 4, The People vs. John H. Bond, grand larceny; 5, The People vs. John Brooks, grand larceny; 6, The People vs. Thomas Farrell, James Heaney, grand larceny; 6, The People vs. Harry Brown, grand larceny; 7, The People vs. The People vs. Mary C. Wilkins, grand larceny; 9, The People vs. Isaac Thompson, William Whittaker, grand larceny; 11, The People vs. William Taylor, grand larceny; 16, The People vs. Julius Bender, Thomas Kelly, George Gibbardt, grand larceny; 17, The People vs. John Barrie, felonious assault and battery.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 15.

By Judge Barrett.

Darling vs. Brewster; exceptions overruled, report confirmed and judgment accordingly.

Brynes et al. vs. Reusch; motion for new trial denied, with $10 costs.

Bowne vs. Loveridge et al.; memoranda for counsel.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 15.

By Judge Monell.

Von Lindheim vs. Frank, Heine vs. Perrie, Goodrich vs. Sweeny, Claflin vs. Sterm, motions granted.

John Godfrey vs. The Williamsburg Fire Insurance Company; motion to join and three other cases of same plaintiff against other insurance denied; opinion with the Clerk.

John Mark vs. Franz Ritter; motion to set aside judgment granted.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 15.

By Chief-Justice Daly.

Savidge vs. Barmore; motion for stay of proceedings denied.

Schneider vs. Pinckney; motion to vacate attachment denied.

In the matter of Giovanni B. Sanguinetti; motion granted, except as to property claimed to have been transferred to the wife, but found by the inquest to be the husband's property.

Esbach vs. Fleig; motion denied.

In the matter of the application of Mary Brooks Langdon; motion granted; order to be settled.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

Before Judge Woodruff.

IMPORTANT DECISION—THE CASE OF THE BOSTON, HARTFORD AND ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY—THE CONFLICT OF JURISDICTION BETWEEN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS IN BANKRUPTCY.

On the 21st of October, 1871, Seth Adams, a creditor of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, presented a petition in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, alleging acts of bankruptcy on the part of the Company, and praying that it be adjudicated a bankrupt. On the 26th of December, James Alden, another creditor of the Company, presented a similar petition in the United States District Court of Connecticut, praying that the Company be adjudicated a bankrupt, and on Dec. 31 he presented another petition for the same purpose in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New-York. To all these three petitions the Company put in answers and resisted the application. Pending proceedings on them, Adams applied to the District Courts in Connecticut and New-York for leave to intervene and oppose the petitions of Alden, on the ground that he (Adams) had prior rights in the matter. On the 26th of February, 1871, the Company, in answers to each petition; and on March 4, the District Court of Massachusetts granted Adams' petition, adjudicated the Company bankrupt, and issued a warrant for the distribution of the property among the creditors. By a supplementary petition, Adams presented this decree to the District Court of Connecticut, in support of his claim to stay proceedings on Alden's petition; but the Court, [illegible] decreed, dismissed the petition of Adams, and adjudicated the Company a bankrupt. Adams thereupon removed the Connecticut Court, in the Second Circuit, a petition of review, and arguments being heard, it was held that he was entitled to be heard in the District Court of Connecticut, and that the decree of bankruptcy should be vacated, dismissed; and, in accordance with this decree, the Circuit Court ordered all proceedings in the Connecticut District Court to be stayed, and that the District Court of Massachusetts have jurisdiction of the estate of the Company. The like petition of Seth Adams was brought, a hearing in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New-York, on the 26th of February, 1871, and on the 27th that Court decided the petitioner had no standing in that court of the proceedings. On application of counsel, for adams, Judge Shipman, on the 27th of March, when the decree of the Massachusetts District Court was produced, that Court again refused to allow Adams to intervene, on the following facts appeared: After the withdrawal by the Company, of an order of Court, for leave to take testimony in other cities than that of its residence, the Company, in pursuance of the order, took testimony in Boston, and forwarded it to the Clerk of the Court, at Hartford, to be filed, and entered on the record of the Court in the regular manner. The order was endorsed "Filed March 4, 1871." Adams, claiming that the Company had no standing in the Circuit Court, applied for review and reversal of the proceedings in District Court for the Southern District of New-York, and that all proceedings against the Company in said Court be stayed. In the course of a long argument, Judge Shipman said: "I have for the last week or ten days been considering the question whether, if the order of an order, though signed, remaining in the office of the Clerk of the Court, at the Judge, whether for the purpose of further consideration or any other reason, it could be in the power of a party to come into court and make a motion to have the order modified to the Clerk of the Court, so as to have it the instrument such wise that no decision can properly be said to be pronounced or entered. I have been inclined to take away any possible significancy in this respect to such private signing of such an order. The proceeding seems to me to be open for further examination, in whole or in part, according to the nature and extent of the grounds for rehearing. In regard to the conflict of jurisdiction between the District Courts, he says: It is unnecessary to repeat the observations which were made in discussing the very similar review of the proceedings between the same parties in the Circuit Court for the District of Connecticut, at the last September term of that Court.

In conclusion he says: It will be sufficient to reverse all proceedings subsequent to, and founded upon, the adjudication of bankruptcy by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New-York, and stay all further proceedings of such District Court.

THE BUILDING RECORD.

Proposals Now Wanted.

The following is the list of new buildings proposed for erection in this City since the last report, and for the week ending Thursday, Feb. 15, 1872. The report is an official one, from plans filed at the office of JAMES M. MAGONIGLE, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings:

BROWN-STONE FRONTS.

Five second-class dwellings, south side of Fifty-ninth-street, 225 feet east of Tenth-avenue, 20 by 52, three stories and basement; R. WALLIS, owner.

Two tenement-houses, south side of Seventy-seventh-street, 125 feet east of Second-avenue, 25 by 54, four stories; PETER HART, owner.

One tenement-house, north-west corner of Lexington-avenue and Sixty-third-street, 20.8 by 65, four stories and basement; JAMES CUNNINGHAM, owner.

BRICK FRONTS.

One second-class dwelling, No. 168 Bowery, 18 by 70, four stories; PATRICK LAVALLE, owner.

One second-class dwelling, No. 113 West Forty-third-street, 14 by 26, one story; FREDERICK WELBOURNE, owner.

Two tenement-house, south side of Seventy-fourth-street, 100 feet west of First-avenue, 25 by 50, four stories; A. J. WILSON, owner.

One tenement-house, east side of Mulberry-street, 100.6 feet north of Broome-street, 25 by 72, five stories; G. MEYER, owner.

One tenement-house, south side of Pearl-street, 49.8 feet east of Rose-street, 24.9 by 62, five stories; FREDERICK HAUPLI, owner.

Two stores and tenements, Nos. 194 and 196 Houston-street, 17.10½ by 43.6, five stories; CLASEN and [illegible] and John Dennan, owners.

One store and tenement, No. 321 Rivington-street, 24.9 by 72, five stories; JOHN HOCK, owner.

One store and tenement, No. 80 Willett-street, 21 by 25, five stories; A. SIMON, owner.

One second-class store, north side of Desbrosses-street, 25 feet east of West-street, 50 by 42, four stories; WILLIAM HASBROUCK, owner.

One factory north side of Forty-first-street, 100 feet west of Tenth-avenue, 100 by 40, five stories; JONES & SMITH, owners.

One work-shop west side of Mercer-street, 41 feet north of Fourth-street; 22.4 by 50.1, two stories; FRANCIS R. RIVES, owner.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number buildings proposed for erection	4
Brick fronts	3
Brown-stone fronts	5
Second-class dwellings	7
Second-class tenements	3
Second-class dwellings	7
Tenement-houses	3
Stores	1
Second-class stores	1
Factory	1
Workshop	1
Tenement-house	1

Alterations in Buildings.

For the week ending Thursday, Feb. 15, 1872, the following are the only plans of importance for alterations in buildings submitted at the Department in this City. No alterations are reported where the expense incurred does not exceed the sum of $1,000:

One first-class store, marble front, south side of Nineteenth-street, 175 feet west of Broadway, 24 by 102, five stories, two stories to be added, with Mansard roof, and extension, 50 by 52, seven stories high; AARON ARNOLD, owner.

One first-class dwelling, brown-stone front, south side of Fiftieth-street, 217 feet west of Fifth-avenue, 25 by 58, four stories, extension built on rear, 7 by 12, two stories and basement; WM. MARTIN, owner.

One brick dwelling, north-east corner of Madison and Market streets, 25 by 42, three stories, two additional stories to be added to building; JOSEPH HAHN, owner.

Two brick dwellings, Nos. 153 and 155 Perry-street, 25 feet and vide by 52, three stories and attic, proposed to be cut down and Mansard roof put on both buildings; JOSEPH J. RICHARDS, owner.

Two brick stores and tenements, Nos. 493 and 495 East Houston-street, 20 by 40, three stories, both buildings to be raised one story; Mrs. M. QUIRK, owner.

One brick store and tenement, No. 68 Second-avenue, 25 by 58, three and a half stories, building to be raised one-half story; C. WITBORCEK, owner.

One brick store, No. 24 Front-street, 24 by 60, four stories, new stairs built and new partition set throughout the building; S. H. SQUIRES, owner.

One brick second-class store, No. 76 Prince-street, 25 by 25, two stories, extension 25 by 100, the one story in height built on rear, and when finished to be used as a public hall; estate of JAMES MIVELLE, owner.

One brick factory, No. 348 West Thirty-ninth-street, 25 by 50, two stories and basement, extension built on rear 25 by 24, three stories and basement; CHARLES FREBLER, owner.

One brick factory, No. 10 West Broadway, 25 by 58, three stories, extension 25 by 25, and four stories in height, built on rear, and iron girder added to present three story to support front; JAMES HOPKINS, owner.

One brick stable, No. 8 Second-street, 25 by 50, two stories, building to be raised two stories; P. L. ROSALES, owner.

Unsafe Buildings.

Since our last report, and for the week ending Thursday, Feb. 15, 1872, the following buildings in this City have been reported as unsafe; the particulars annexed, at the office of the Superintendent of the Department:

Rector-street, No. 17; S. GOLDSMITH, agent; unsafe generally, rear wall cracked.

Cedar-street, No. 5; E. F. WHEELWRIGHT, owner; unsafe front wall and broken lintels.

Cedar-street, No. 7; E. F. WHEELWRIGHT, owner; unsafe front wall, settled off, side walls.

Vesey-street, No. 69; EDMUND COFFIN, owner; unsafe front wall, floors and floor-beams.

Clinton-street, No. 13; CHAS. C. PINCKNEY, agent; unsafe and broken water table, and piers of front.

West Thirteenth-street, No. 215; ABRAHAM SOPER, owner; unsafe front and west walls.

UNSAFE CHIMNEYS.

Rose-street, No. 29; Mrs. Mary Sallit, lessee; Rose-street, No. 40; Wm. C. Rhinelander, owner; Sullivan-street, No. 114; Julien Crevier, agent; East Sixteenth-street, No. 18; J. Robinson & Co., lessee; Park-street, No. 48; Mrs. Cunningham, owner; Park-street, No. 50; Michael Gilmartin, lessee; Mott-street, No. 78; Walter Roche, owner; Clinton-street, Nos. 61, 63, 65; John F. Doyle, agent.

The Yorkville Arson Case—Confession of One of the Prisoners.

ANTHONY O. JONES and WM. CHESKI, who are charged with setting fire to the apartments of the latter in Sixty-second-street, were fully committed by Justice COULTER in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday, and were taken to the Tombs. The prisoner CHESKI yesterday made additional confessions to Officer RATHBUN, of the Fire Marshal's office, as follows:

That when the fire occurred in his place in Sixty-second-street, on the 26th of March, 1871, ANTHONY O. JONES, who was living with him, and who had assisted in his (CHESKI's) absence set fire to the store; that he was present at the time, and received a share of the loot for his share from the Company which JONES had insured for him, and which, without his knowledge, he (CHESKI) had burned; that JONES and he on the 4th of July, 1871, sent Mrs. Cheski and his family off to New-York to view the Fireworks at the City Hall, and in his absence JONES fired his place in Sixty-second-street; that JONES then went to bed with which JONES did in the same way as before. CHESKI then moved his shop to No. 109 Prince-street, New-York, and his residence to the corner of Grand and Marcy streets, Williamsburg; that JONES went to CHESKI's wife the day in question, and, [illegible] the two children to bed, and when JONES was asleep, CHESKI set fire to the place, which was insured in the above place for $1,000. On settling with the Company, JONES received a check for $[illegible], which he cashed, and CHESKI got part of it, giving the remainder to CHESKI. He (CHESKI) also stated that he had previously set fire in December last a fire occurred in a lounge factory in Prince-street, New-York, which he does not know, JONES had to Hartford, Conn., and from there to Boston, east, then on to Philadelphia, and while there he wrote the place for sale. He (CHESKI) did not receive the money.

Damages Against a Horse Railroad Company.

On Feb. 4, 1871, a horse-car on the Paterson line, Jersey City, in descending the heavy curve and declivity over Bergen Tunnel attained such a speed as to fall over the edge of the hill, a distance of twenty feet. Several persons were injured, and on Wednesday Mr. MONTGOMERY, one of the passengers, commenced a suit against the Company, laying his damages at $50,000. The case was yesterday concluded by the jury giving $1,500 damages. As soon as the case was given to the jury, that of Adam Stokes against the same, of one of the injured passengers, was taken up. He had been confined by his injuries for three months, and the jury gave him a verdict for $3,000.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales on the Stock Exchange—Feb. 16.

FIRST BOARD.

[illegible]		[illegible]	

SECOND BOARD.

[illegible]		[illegible]	

THURSDAY, Feb. 15—P. M.

The sales of Gold today were nearly all at 110½ ⅌ cent. The trade demand for Customs and to buy Exchange continues large at the going rate, but speculation in the Gold Room is comparatively tame. The rates of Exchange are scarcely as stiff as yesterday. Sales of 60 days London at 109½ ⅌ cent., less a brokerage, and short sight 110⅜@110½ ⅌ cent. The London telegrams were delayed until late in the day, but when received they reported steady prices for the English and American Funds, and no change in the Bank of England rate of interest.

Money, through the forenoon, was easy at 6@7 ⅌ cent. on call loan to the Brokers, but after 2 o'clock the demand was apparently increased, and 7 ⅌ cent. the prevailing rate.

On the Stock Exchange the Public Funds were again very firm and on limited offerings of the 5 ⅌ cents, old as well as new, and of the 5-20s of 1867. The offerings of all 5-20s to the Sinking Fund at the Treasury amounted to $3,170,000, of which $1,000,000 was accepted at 108.78 to 109.39 ⅌ cent. and accrued Gold Interest. The Southern State Bonds were quiet; South Carolinas steadier, and Tennessees a fraction weaker. There was nothing new in the Railway Mortgages. In the Share speculation the temper of the market was rather indifferent, and the actual business quite moderate. The inclination of prices was, as usual, on a dull feeling, to lower figures, a notable exception being on the cash deliveries of Hannibal and St. Joseph (old) Stock, considerable amounts of which were bought in under the rule for failure to deliver within prescribed hours. The sales of the day were all the way from 43 to 47½ ⅌ cent., while time contracts were put out on the presumption that the 50,000 new shares will be made a good delivery in 30 days, at 39 ⅌ cent. The affair continues to excite much more comment, and generally of a very indignant nature, than the extent of the outstanding interest in the Stock would seem to call for, but the truth is the Street is growing tired of such brazen transactions, and have less toleration for the bad men, (yet surviving,) who for the past three or four years have brought scandal upon the Exchange by organizing conspiracies in Gold and in the Money Market, as well as fraud upon Railway and other corporate property.

In the Afternoon the market was generally weaker than at the Boards on the Western Stocks, and the feeling was extremely dull. The following quotations were made, as compared with Wednesday night:

CLOSING PRICES—FEB. 15.	Wednesday.	Thursday.
United States New 6s	108½	100
U. S. 5-20s, '65, May and Nov	111½	111½
U. S. 5-20s, '67, Jan. and July	111½	112
American Gold	110½	110½
Bills on London, 60 days	109½	109½
N. Y. Central and Hudson	97½	96½
N. Y. C. and Hudson Debt Ctfs.	98	92½
Reading	113½	113½
Chicago and Rock Island	111½	111½
North-west Common	74½	73½
North-west Preferred	90½	90½
Pacific Mail	57½	57½
St. Paul Preferred	75½	76
St. Paul Common	55½	55½
Ohio and Mississippi	44½	44½
Toledo and Wabash	76½	75½
Western Telegraph	70½	69½
Erie	51½	50½
Union Pacific	83½	82½
Lake Shore	90½	90½
Lake Shore Scrip	87½	87½

At the very close of the Hall of the Exchange, at 5 P. M., the market for the Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks was irregular and feverish.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 16, 1872.

Gold receipts	$[illegible]
Gold payments	90,704 94
Gold balance	[illegible]
Currency receipts	320,248 31
Currency payments	294,569 78
Currency balance	6,739,615 22
Customs	327,000 00

The following are the last prices of the various Public Funds of the United States, the market closing strong:

6's, 1881, reg.	114½@115	5-20s, 1867, reg.	111
6's, 1881, coup.	115@115½	5-20s, 1867, coup.	111½
5's, 1874, reg.	111½@112	5's, 10-40s, reg.	108½
5's, 1874, coup.	112@112½	5's, 10-40s, coup.	109½
6's, 1881, reg.	111½@112	6's, 62, reg.	117½
6's, 1881, coup.	112@112½	6's, 62, coup.	118
5's, 1874, reg.	111½@112	5's, 65, reg.	111½
5's, 1874, coup.	112@112½	5's, 65, coup.	112
6's, 1881, reg.	112@112½	5's, 67, reg.	111½
6's, 1881, coup.	112½@113	5's, 67, coup.	112

Subscribed to Messrs. E. D. Randolph & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, 1901	97	98½
Camden and Amboy	120	120½
Pennsylvania Central	85½	86½
Reading	113½	113½
Lehigh Valley	61	61½
Catawissa Preferred	40½	41
Philadelphia and Erie	30½	31
Northern Central	77½	78
Lehigh Navigation	59½	60
Lehigh Gas Loan	84½	85

The following Resolutions of the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange were read to the Board of the Exchange this morning, and more than confirm the unofficial conclusions of the Committee, to which we referred yesterday. It will be observed that the second Resolution is most emphatic in reference to a satisfactory registry for the Stock, which, being plainly interpreted, means that the banking concern up-town, of no enviable reputation under the exploded Treasury Rule, and now in the same category with that other Bank, of the New Year, of the Erie Ring, Boston as the Tenth National Bank, will not be recognized, at the end of 30 days, or at any other time, (under such auspices,) as "a satisfactory" place of registry. We have reason to believe that this determination will be adhered to. The Committee of the Exchange, and the prevailing sentiment of Wall-street, are in no humor today to recognize the validity or good faith or honest purpose of the sudden issue of 50,000 shares of new Stock of the Smith-Gould administration of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Company, in any way, and all threats or intimations, or actual proceedings of a legal or judicial nature, to compel the use of the new Certificates, as a good delivery on outstanding or future contracts in the Original Stock, will go for nothing on the New-York Stock Exchange. The case may have been different with the stupendous frauds upon the Erie Stock, periodically overissued, of Shares from 72½ ⅌ cent. down to 22 ⅌ cent., but the Ring then controlled more Judges, and the patience of the public, though sorely tried, was less nearly exhausted.

Resolved, That the resolution of Jan. 31, 1872, adopted by the Governing Committee, be and is hereby rescinded, and that the Stock of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company have been reopened, and the same duly registered, in accordance with the rules of the Stock Exchange, the stock shall be a good delivery except such as have been already issued and countersigned at the office of DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO., as entered into and became a part of the contract of the members of this Exchange from that date.

Resolved, That the selection of the place of registry made by the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company is not satisfactory to the Governing Committee, and that the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company be notified that the new issue of their stock will not be dealt in by the Members until after thirty days notice of such change has been given, and a satisfactory registry has been established, and that meanwhile no certificates shall be a good delivery in settlement of contracts except those countersigned by DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO., from the issue of the issue to numbers 2,400 for common stock, and 2,352 for preferred stock.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY'S FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND LAND GRANT BONDS,

BEARING EIGHT PER CENT. (8 P. C.) INTEREST, PAYABLE IN GOLD, FREE OF TAX,

AND IN DENOMINATIONS OF $1,000, $500 AND $100, can be obtained from the undersigned, or through the principal banks and bankers throughout the United States.

The attractive features of these securities are recognized in the fact that, although they have been but a short time on the market, they are nearly all absorbed, and but a small amount are now for sale.

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The Bonds have thirty years to run, with interest at Eight per Cent., free of tax, payable in February and August in each year.

Both principal and interest are payable in gold.

The principal in New-York. The interest in either New-York, London or Frankfort-on-the Main, at the option of the holder, without notice, and in the gold currency of the country in which they are presented. They are coupon or registered.

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The present price of these Bonds is 97½ and accrued interest in currency, from Aug. 15, 1871. But they are receivable at par and accrued interest in payment for lands sold by the Company. The right is reserved to advance the present selling price without notice.

Maps, circulars, documents and full information furnished on application.

Though acting as agents for the sale of this loan, our firm buy and sell in their regular business the Bonds of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, those of the Eastern Division eight per cent. (8s.) recently placed by us at 91½, being now quoted at from 101½ to 102½ and accrued interest.

TANNER & CO.,
Bankers, No. 11 Wall-st.

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☞ WE RECOMMEND AS A SAFE INVESTMENT THE SIX PER CENT. BONDS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY, interest payable in gold coin May and November; denominations, $100, $500, $1,000. Present price, 94 and accrued interest.

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FISK & HATCH,
No. 5 Nassau-st.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 6, 1872.

☞ Investors who are in search of a perfectly safe and highly profitable security, which can be obtained at a reasonable price, would do well to examine the claims of the First Mortgage Pacific Coast Land Grant Gold Bonds of the West Wisconsin Railway. These Bonds have only fifteen years to run, and are secured by a railroad already in successful operation, and by a land grant of 1,600,000 acres. Bear 8 per cent. and principal and interest payable in Gold. Messrs. MORGAN & CO., No. 16 Wall-st., and GWYNNE, JOHNSTON & DAY, No. 16 Wall-st., who will furnish pamphlets and particulars.

☞ ELIZABETH CITY IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

Bids for the whole or any part of $40,000 Elizabeth City 7 per Cent. Improvement Bonds, will be received until Thursday, the 15th day of February, 1872. These Bonds, with Coupons attached, have 20 years to run from Dec. 1, 1871, are payable at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New-York, and are well known on the Market as a safe and desirable investment.

Bids (which will be opened by the Finance Committee on the 20th inst.) must be addressed to A. S. WOODRUFF, City Treasurer, Elizabeth, N. J.

The Committee, with the Mayor, reserve the right to reject any or all bids, as they may deem best for the interest of the city.

ROBERT S. GREEN,
Chairman of Finance Committee.
Feb. 5, 1872.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ MIDLAND RAILROAD

FIRST MORTGAGE 8 PER CENT. GOLD BONDS.

Limited to $20,000 per mile on finished road.

The rapid progress toward completion of this great through East and West Road, and its use in connection with the Erie, promises to offer to investors a safe and interest a further limited issue of these favorite securities.

Upward of 150 miles of the road, including the New-Jersey portion, are already finished, equipped, and in operation; and contracts with responsible parties have been made for its entire completion by the first day of July next. When this shall have been accomplished (as earnings cannot fail to be large and highly remunerative, as it has advantages at least equal to those of any of its competitors for both local and through business. It is nothing for sale, of which nearly $1,000,000 have been furnished by subscription to its stock at PAR. The work is substantial, and, including equipment, has not exceeded in cost $60,000 per mile, which is less than one-third of the amount at which some of the trunk lines of roads leading from New-York are capitalized, and on which they are paying good dividends.

In view of these facts, the Midland First Mortgage Bonds must be included as a first-class security, quite as safe as Governments; and, by making the exchange at the present difference in price, *holders of Midland Bonds will realize 30 per cent. more of revenue upon the amount invested than the holders of Government Bonds.*

For sale or exchange for Governments at their market price by

GEORGE OPDYKE & CO., No. 25 Nassau-st.

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W. R. SHATTUCK & CO., Bankers,
No. 52 Nassau-st., New-York.

☞ TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:

In reference to the letter of the Directors of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company, in increasing the Capital Stock, the following facts are presented: When the new directors came into possession, they supposed the property of no more value, and in a worse condition than subsequent examination has proved.

A careful survey and estimate was consequently made, and it was decided that at least $2,000,000 would be required, in order to put the road in good working order, as well as to provide for the maturing obligations of the Company, a larger portion of which sum would be necessarily disbursed during the present year. It was deemed best to call the attention of the Missouri, and reason and deliver to the state the Bonds of the State issued on account of said Company, and that the Legislature of the state inhabit, for 25 miles may be enabled to pay it shall be competent and lawful for the Board of Directors of said Company, from time to time, as may be found expedient, to increase the capital stock of said Company, by such an amount as in the aggregate shall be equal to the cost of said road and equipment and improvements: Provided, That such increase, together with the existing stock, shall in no event exceed the cost of said property.

Sec. 2. The Board of Directors of said Company shall have the right to dispose of such increased stock by distributing it pro rata in proportion to the stock in said Company among the stockholders of said Company, to be paid for in money, at such time and in such manner as the Board may direct, or may sell the same in the market, for such amount and at such times, and upon such terms as shall by the said Board of Directors be deemed for the best interests of said Company.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1869.

In accordance with the above the following resolution, moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Hinman, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it is expedient that the Capital Stock of the Company be increased to an amount equal to the cost of the road, its equipments and improvements, after deducting the outstanding indebtedness for such purposes reduced by the application of the land grant sales, whenever, in the judgment of the Directors, the condition of the Company's affairs will permit of such increase.

The recent issue of stock was made by the Executive Committee, Dec. 28, 1871, in conformity with the action of the old Board of Officers.

A DIRECTOR.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 16.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

BUFFALO, Feb. 15.—FLOUR dull; small sales of Western Spring at $5 75@$7 75; Amber, $7 75@$8 50; White, $7 50@$8 50. WHEAT in light demand and ste

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, FEB. 14, 1873.

Amusements This Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—MARTHA. (English Opera.)—Miss. Parepa-Rosa.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—THE VETERAN.—Mr. Lester Wallack and Miss Rose German.

ST. JAMES' THEATRE.—MARRIAGE.—Mr. Mark Kaye and Miss Griswold.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—JULIUS CÆSAR.—Mr. Edwin Booth.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—DIVORCE.—Characters by company.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—ATHLETIC, GYMNASTIC and ACROBATIC FEATS. Matinée at 2 o'clock.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY.—Mr. G. L. Fox and Rialty Troupe.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—THE BLACK CROOK.—Miss Kate Santley.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AND CURIOSITIES.—Afternoon and Evening.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.—EQUESTRIAN, GYMNASTIC AND ATHLETIC FEATS.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—NEGRO MINSTRELSY—FARCES.

ASSOCIATION HALL.—READINGS, by Mr. George Vandenhoff.

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The recommendation of a Committee of the Bar Association, that the present system of fees to officers connected with the Courts should be changed, and in some instances abolished, merits praise. Long ago we called attention to the flagrant impositions in the Sheriff's office, and urged then that the practice of feeing these officials for doing only their sworn duty should be done away with. Every lawyer knows that it is a practice prolific of fraud and oppression. Mr. ROELKER, of the above-mentioned Committee, cited some instances of the impudent extortions of Deputy Sheriffs. In the case of an attachment, where the legal fee was fifty cents, a bill was presented for $10 60, and the Deputy modestly requested $20 additional for his personal services. Where a vessel had been in charge of the Sheriff only two or three days, a bill was rendered for $750, and cut down by the Court to $72 25. A still more glaring instance of rapacity was that of a person who had to pay $1,400 to stay out of jail for one night. These are only samples of outrages of daily occurrence. The whole system of fees in these offices is wrong and demoralizing, and ought not to be tolerated an instant longer. Our Reform Legislature will make no slight addition to its claims on public gratitude if it shall relieve lawyers and litigants of this most unjust and oppressive burden.

People who think that the Erie Ring ought to be held beyond "legislative interference" are respectfully referred to the speech of Hon. MATTHEW HALE on the Classification bill. It will be found in another column, and is good reading for persons who have signed JAY GOULD's petitions. A capital and debt increased over sixty-five millions; a net income reduced from four per cent. to 13-100 of one per cent.; nearly fifty millions charged to an account closed ten years ago, for items fully covered by other charges; together with a weary list of violations of law and justice—these are some of the counts of Mr. HALE's indictment. The most important fact in this connection is that these things have been notorious for months, and yet a bill to put a stop to some of the worst of them hangs in Committee, and waits the arguments of Erie lawyers.

TWEED and SWEENY made some little political capital out of certain advances which they claimed to have made to liquidate pay-rolls of men employed in the Department of Public Works and of Parks. At the last meeting of the Board of Audit, a claim was presented by the Tenth National Bank on account of the identical pay-rolls which TWEED made believe he had paid out of his private purse. Claims were previously filed by the same bank to cover advances made on the pay-rolls for the settlement of which SWEENY got a very cheap reputation for generosity. It is really becoming doubtful if the disreputable career of these men was ever varied by a single act of disinterested bounty. With them, all lying and cheating appears to have been followed in regard to their charities, as well as in appropriating other people's money.

There is some prospect that a vote will be reached in the Assembly, today, on the charter of the Committee of Seventy. We trust that the members of that body fully appreciate the importance of the action they are about to take. It will substantially decide the question whether the Legislature can be depended on to carry out the views of the people in regard to the reform of the monstrous abuses in the government of this City. The charter of the Committee is warmly approved by the community at large. It has the indorsement of the Regular Republican Committee. It is absolutely without a competitor worthy of the name, for we cannot regard the mongrel device of "Tom" STEWART, introduced by Mr. MACKAY, as deserving attention. Above all, it is a sound plan in itself, and promises to secure to the minority party in the City, a just share in the control of its affairs. Less the Legislature should not consent to. More it could only grasp for the moment, to lose it again as surely and completely as the system of Albany Commissions was lost. Apart from considerations of pure public interest, the Committee's charter should commend itself with special strength to a "Republican Legislature."

The claims against England for special damages, arising out of the depredations of particular vessels, are estimated roundly to amount to $20,000,000. The claims for indirect damages are estimated to amount to about $2,000,000,000—more, as has been pointed out, than Germany exacted from France after a bloody war and a complete conquest. People here generally smile when the last little bill is mentioned. The common remark is, "Nobody ever expected that to be paid." Every man mentions it with a broad grin. That being so, is it not a pity to see a good Treaty lost for the sake of a fictitious claim? Is there no way of meeting this difficulty? Surely this is a case, if there ever was one, in which a little diplomatic skill might wisely be exercised. Is it too late to save a Treaty which promised so much for the future peace of the world?

Making Fish of One and Flesh of Another.

Readers of the *Tribune* must have observed the pertinacity with which it has demanded the punishment of Mr. TERWILLIGER, who received a sum rather less than $5,000, *in two years*, as commissions on public printing, in pursuance of a bad custom. Mr. TERWILLIGER has resigned his position as Clerk of the Senate, and the custom which he followed will probably be abolished—at least we hope so. But we must frankly say—at the risk of being called "liars and thieves" by a distinguished public writer, who shields big rogues while denouncing small ones—that it affords us no pleasure to see a gentleman of excellent character, of good abilities, and hitherto much esteemed by a large circle of friends, compromised in any way—but especially in such a way as this. The sum paid to Mr. TERWILLIGER—little over $2,000 a year—is contemptible; it would not corrupt a door-keeper. Mr. TERWILLIGER was told that it was part of the just "perquisites" of his office. "*Dustoorie*" had always been paid, and Mr. TERWILLIGER would have been thought very eccentric had he refused to take it. But for all that, the custom is a vile one, and should be swept away. Mr. TERWILLIGER has been sacrificed by his indiscretion, and we are not aware that he has asked anybody to say a word for him.

But now we specially wish to call the attention of the public to the extreme meanness and dishonesty of the *Tribune* in relation to such cases as this. It has hounded down Mr. TERWILLIGER, who received $4,800 in two years in pursuance of a bad custom. But it is all but totally silent about HANK SMITH, Police Commissioner and Fenton lobbyist, who appears to have been concerned in cheating the poor depositors of the Bowling-green Savings Bank out of tens of thousands of dollars. Is it because Mr. GREELEY lent his own name to support this rotten bank that he tries to cover up the acts of SMITH? Mr. GREELEY is not a child, although he has found it very profitable in the rural districts to dress himself for that "part," and to look as meek and innocent as if he had never done a mean or contemptible act in his life. He must admit, in his own mind, although he may try to hamboozle the public on the subject, that it is far worse for a man to swindle poor laboring people out of their hard savings than for another man to take $4,800 in two years as "Commissions" on printing.

Yet, what has GREELEY to say to his bed-fellow politician, HANK SMITH? The other day he addressed a few words of mild remonstrance to SMITH, by WAY of keeping up appearances. This is one of the tricks which he knows so well how to practise. But he has never called for SMITH's resignation as Police Commissioner. He has never even published the full and official particulars of SMITH's complicity with a vast fraud. No—he thinks it quite right that a man who is himself charged with a serious offence should remain at the head of a force designed to thrust swindlers into jail. HORACE GREELEY's own name was coupled with SMITH's in the Bowling-green Savings Bank—"innocently," he says. Every suspicious act in which he is caught out is done "innocently." Never did the public forgive so much to any man as it does to HORACE GREELEY, or believe in the purity of a man's motives for the sole reason that he wears short trowsers tucked into his boots. But HANK SMITH cannot hope to enjoy a similar dispensation. If he is not a rogue himself, he has allowed rogues to run off with the money of the hard-working men whom he lured to his ricketty bank. He permitted loans to be made to persons who cannot be found, to the amount of $49,025 38. To his personal friends, and those of his co-directors, $31,010 63 more was lent, and that account is now pronounced by the receiver to be "[illegible]." Altogether, $226,-[illegible] was made away with during the time SMITH was PRESIDENT of the Bank.

Put this sum by the side of the amount TERWILLIGER received, and discriminate properly between the two transactions, and which man—SMITH or TERWILLIGER—would seem to be most deserving of punishment? The *Tribune* has devoted columns of furious rant to TERWILLIGER's offence, and one little paragraph to the wicked and cruel frauds of the broken bank. In the same way it praised SWEENY as a man of "towering spirit," and tried to make out that A. OAKEY HALL was an honest man. Yet it has the assurance to pretend that it is working for "reform"—such reform as Senator FENTON, whose character for honesty has always been beyond reproach, can suggest. Some people say that there are policemen in our force who are not a bit more honest than they should be. What right have we to expect them to be otherwise, with the example of HANK SMITH before them? After all, SMITH may plead that he is only following in the course which his political chief, Senator FENTON, set him some years ago. Like master like man.

The question now to be settled is, can HANK SMITH be allowed to insult the public by remaining on the Police Commission? That question is one which will not be allowed to sink out of sight. The *Tribune* cannot save HANK SMITH, any more than it could save SWEENY or HALL. If the Police force cannot rid the City of swindlers, we must at least see that it is not governed by them.

Sectarian Schools.

Some remarkable statistics, carefully gathered by the Council of Political Reform, are presented in another column, showing the prodigious extent to which the Roman Catholic Church in this State, in various forms, has gained possession of charitable funds appropriated by the State or City of New-York. Thus, out of seventy-three private charitable institutions, located in this City, under the control of religious denominations, receiving public aid to the aggregate amount of $688,094, fifty-five are Roman Catholic, to which the appropriations amount to the enormous proportion of $541,433—leaving only some $47,000 to the Protestant institutions, of which the "Protestant Episcopal" receive the largest share—namely $20,516.

Again, out of the 116 private charitable institutions in other cities of the State, under control of religious denominations, and receiving State aid, 110 were Roman Catholic, and obtaining, as appropriation, $240,233 out of the whole amount, $255,054; leaving to the Protestant institutions about $15,000, of which the Baptists obtained the largest share—$7,211. Still further, in this City, 112 Roman Catholic church schools, with 52,000 pupils, are aided by the State, while of the Protestant sects there are only 16 schools, with about 6,000 pupils, thus aided, (of which the Episcopal embrace 4,650,) and the 18 non-denominational schools only include 15,723 pupils.

Another interesting fact will also be gathered from these statistics, that while the Protestant and the non-denominational charities and week-day schools receive such small amounts from the State, they always supplement it with very large private contributions, thus to a certain degree compensating the State for its aid. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic charities almost live on the public support, receiving very little in private contributions—thus throwing nearly the whole burden of their support upon the State or City authorities. This contrast is strikingly shown in such charities as the Protestant House of Refuge of this City, and the Catholic Protectory for destitute children, each sheltering nearly the same number of children, and the former receiving only about $48,000 from the State and City, while the latter obtained this year—if we are correctly informed—$240,000.

It was time, evidently, that this endowment of a "State Church" should cease. What with appropriations to church schools and gifts of lands to churches, the Roman Catholic Church of this City enjoys an enormous support from the general public. No Protestant of liberal mind begrudges a moderate public aid to well-proved Catholic charities, which lessen wide-spread public evils. The policy of the State is to supplement such private and useful undertakings, whether under one sect or another, or under none, by a reasonable public assistance, on the ground that the public evils they are designed to relieve are thus more economically and thoroughly cured. It will be seen from our Albany letter, that the sectarian appropriation clause in the charter has been struck out. The condition in which the subject is left will deserve discussion on another occasion.

Scottish Companies.

Our attention has been repeatedly called of late to the fact that the National Insurance Convention was of inestimable service to the insurance companies, in that it put the vast interests of the system on a substantial and equable basis. Having our own opinions about the incalculable benefits of this Convention, we do not care to go into an extended discussion of them, except in one particular. We refer especially to the proposed law regulating investments, &c., and the uniform blank for annual statements, which was claimed to be the crowning glory of that Convention. We may be mistaken, but we think that the corporations who have during the past week been so ready to go upon the stand and testify to Mr. MILLER's beneficent control over them, have hardly comprehended the full scope of these two important instruments, or they would have hesitated a little before giving vent to the exuberance of their gratitude. There are ugly rumors in the air to the effect that the law was cooked a little (*à la* Tammany) after it had passed from the hands of the Committee into the pocket of the Chairman *ad interim*, (Mr. MILLER,) and that a certain prominent life insurance President assisted the culinary process. The law, as it stands is onerous and restrictive in its provisions, to an extent that was certainly never contemplated by the Convention, and it puts into the hands of the Superintendent a power like to that which the Bank Bill gives to the Comptroller of the Currency. The uniform blank is worth the careful consideration of at least nine-tenths of the companies in this State, who will be driven into insolvency if it is strictly adhered to. Perhaps these astute corporations have not yet discovered that these two documents were deliberately and carefully devised by Mr. MILLER and his coadjutors for the purpose of crowding them out of the business—but if they are sanctioned by the Legislature, they are in a fair way to discover it when they come to answer the requirements, and balance their books. In fact, the law and the blank were intended to be the upper and nether millstones, between which all the younger and weaker companies were to be ground to powder, while the Miller was to be retained at his post at Albany, facilitate the grinding, and take his toll. Now we have no especial sympathy for the companies who are thus to be helted and winnowed out of existence—they have disregarded our warnings, and would take none of our advice; but we have decided objections to allowing the State machinery to be used for this grinding process, and that is precisely what Mr. MILLER's friends were trying to accomplish when they circulated their white-washing testimonial, hoping, by its powerful aid, to stave off an investigation, which has come at last, and developed a state of things that every honest man must contemplate with anxiety and disgust.

A correspondent, in our Saturday issue, speaks of the injury to the business resulting from Mr. MILLER's corrupt administration. The extent of that injury can never be fully estimated. Let it once come to be fully understood, that this official is sustained and encouraged by the very companies who have been paying him illegal and extortionate fees or *douceurs*, and the sympathy which at one time was freely accorded to them by the public, when it was supposed that they were in his power, will change to a sentiment that is already gathering force and manifesting itself on the registers of several of these corporations. "Paid-up policies," "lapsed policies," "receiverships" and "reinsured risks," are ominous signs in the insurance horizon. There are audible signs of discontent from the deep recesses of directors' rooms when the question of paying dividends is met by the unanswerable logic of no divisible surplus, and from agents far and near come letters that are not enlivening as to the prospects of the business if Mr. MILLER remains at its head.

The truth is slowly coming to the comprehension of some of the shrewd ones in the profession that if they desire better times, they must throw overboard this political Jonah, who endangers their craft, and threatens to send them all to the bottom. The stupid ones will probably wait until their next election of officers, and learn by the loss of their own heads what they have gained by trying to protect Mr. MILLER's.

More Light—The New Gas.

New-York has had so thorough a trial of bad light and dear light that she should rejoice over the prospect of a change for the better. There may be delay, and perhaps we should say must be. The power of selfish corporations is not beaten down all at once. In fact the very improvement we are about describe, although warmly advocated by NAPOLEON III., the gas monopolists of Paris were able up to this year to stave off. Knowing this, and knowing what that improvement is, we ought to be able to profit by the example.

On the 1st of January, 1872, the Place du Nouvel Opera was lighted up in a way that excited universal admiration in Paris, and has been one of the lions of that capital ever since. The illumination proceeded from a new material called "oxhydrique gas." It is a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen, and is said to possess almost immeasurable advantages over the gas now in use. In the first place its light is almost incomparably superior in both degree and steadiness. It is "as brilliant as the light emitted by an electrical battery, without the unsteady flicker, and diffused, divergent rays." The moment it is lighted in the square named, which faces the Rue de la Paix and borders the gorgeous façade of the new Opera-house, "all the surrounding lights assume a murky, struggling look." The illumination is calm, soft, and far-reaching like that of a full moon in a clear sky, and gives quite a fairy look to that "huge piece of fancy confectionery," the edifice mentioned. No prospectus, we are assured, is needed to establish the vast superiority of the new gas over the old. This is instantly manifest. But, apart from the advantage visible to the eye, other advantages set forth by the patentees, MM. MARECHAL and DU MOTAY well deserve examination. The latter may be described as follows:

The new gas is healthier than the old, since it neither consumes the surrounding atmosphere nor deposits oxide of carbon. It is cheaper, since two parts of hydrogen mixed with one part of oxygen go further than sixteen parts of the former in its simple state. A substantial proof of this is offered in the fact that the patentees offer to light Paris at the rate of fifty centimes the cubic metre, instead of four francs, eighty centimes, which is what the Municipality have been in the habit of paying. One small burner will brilliantly illuminate a large ball-room. Ordinary print can be read by such a burner at a distance of sixty feet. The gas is easily adapted to private houses. It is entirely clean and without smell. These are certainly great advantages, and, supposing the account of them to be strictly correct, which we have no reason to doubt, it would seem that the "oxhydrique gas" must come into universal use. It appears that the Ex-Emperor NAPOLEON III. was determined to bring this about in Paris. Before his fall he ordered experiments to be made in front of the Hotel de Ville, the Palais Royal, and over the marble arch in the Place du Carousel. But the powerful gas company moved heaven and earth to interpose obstacles, and might have prevented the innovation to this day, but that the patentees were adroit enough to effect a "fusion" with the old monopoly, which will help the gas of the public, and add to the security of their persons if it does not, in the proportion suggested above, lessen the tax in their pockets.

Every rose has its thorn, and there are drawbacks to even the superlative merits of the "oxhydrique." In the first place there is a certain amount of danger attending its use, although this can be absolutely neutralized by simple and easy precautions. Thus, it is said to be necessary to convey the two gases to the burner by separate pipes. But they must be allowed to mix before the match is applied, as otherwise an explosion is to be feared. It would seem that this difficulty could be obviated by a choice of mechanical contrivances, arranged so that the gases might be mingled just before coming to the burner, and without loss by escape. Another point is that the apparatus is otherwise slightly more complicated. A small cylinder has to be placed within the burner, composed of lime or of calcined magnesia. On this the flame caused by the ignition of the two gases has to be projected. The extra complication is, of course, objectionable. Still, the expense being in any case so much less than that of the old gas, the objection is comparatively trifling. Whatever the difficulties attending the use of the "oxhydrique," the assurances of the patentees appear to be verified in practice. Several of the Paris theatres are already lighted with it, the large hotels are arranging for its introduction, and it has superseded common gas in the office of the *Gaulois*.

The imperfect lighting of our streets is a direct temptation to crime, and outrages are reported daily that the perpetrators would never have hazarded but for the darkness. When a man can commit an assault or a robbery with almost the certainty that he cannot be subsequently identified, and when his surprised victim cannot use his eyes in his defense, it must be owned that the incentives to such deeds are sadly increased. If our streets were properly lit, instead of being in almost total darkness, garrotting and other nocturnal atrocities would be greatly diminished. Other benefits to be derived from the improvement are manifest. Better and steadier light in doors, whether in public or private buildings, would prove of infinite help to the eyes, and, if what is claimed for the new gas be true, for the lungs also. The gas companies of New-York have done their worst for the people during a long time past with remorseless persistency, and, should the "oxhydrique" prove their Nemesis, few but themselves will regret it. The Parisian successes of the new agent are, at all events, sufficient to justify its trial, and we hope the enterprise and capital for this will be forthcoming at an early day. We should thus get rid of shameless monopolists like the Metropolitan Gas Company.

A Curious Murder Trial.

A cause lately tried in London excited for the time an interest little less than that felt in the Tichborne case. CHRISTIANA EDMUNDS, aged forty-three, was arraigned for the murder of SIDNEY BARKER. The prisoner resided with her mother at Brighton, and had formed acquaintance with a Dr. BEARD, for whom she conceived a somewhat too tender regard. In September, 1870, she gave Mrs. BEARD a chocolate cream, and that lady suffered so acutely after eating it, that she told her husband she was convinced it was poisoned. This circumstance might have passed off without further notice, but before long other cases of illness occurred after people had eaten creams and sweetmeats which came, or purported to come, from the shop of Mr. MAYNARD. On June 19, 1871, CHAS. MILLER bought some chocolate creams at MAYNARD's. He ate one, and gave his nephew, SIDNEY BARKER, another. MILLER was attacked with sickness and rigidity. His nephew died. This packet of chocolate was thrown away, but subsequently another was purchased and handed to an eminent analyst. He found that the creams contained strychnine. An inquest was held, a verdict of accidental death recorded, and Mr. MAYNARD was exonerated from all blame. After the inquest he destroyed his stock.

Miss EDMUNDS had previously called on MAYNARD, and told him that his candies contained poison, and that a friend of hers had nearly died from eating them. It appeared that the prisoner was in the habit of sending boys, whom she found playing in the streets, to buy sugar-plums and chocolate creams from MAYNARD's. She would say that these were not quite what she required, and would return what appeared to be those just received, but were, in fact, others which she had infected with poison. The boy returned to MAYNARD, who poured back into the jars those which Miss EDMUNDS had returned, and sent her another packet, with which she professed to be satisfied, and which in turn she duly strychnined.

More than this, she left about on shop counters and other places, as though by accident, bags bearing MAYNARD's name, containing the poisoned sweetmeats. When the boy BARKER died, anonymous letters were addressed to his father, urging him most strongly to prosecute MAYNARD, and there was strong evidence to show that such letters were in the handwriting of the prisoner. The weight of evidence was so entirely against her that her counsel proceeded to set up the defense of insanity, and this is, legally considered, the importance of the case, for it will probably become an oft-quoted precedent in our own Courts as well as in England. The evidence in support of the plea of insanity was very strong. The chaplain of the jail in which she was confined prior to the trial, who had been chaplain of a lunatic asylum, and is a person of experience in such cases, was decidedly of opinion that she was demented. Dr. WOOD, formerly resident at another great asylum, believed her really incapable of judging between right and wrong. Dr. ROBERTSON, one of the visitors of the Court of Chancery, to Lunatics, described her "as one of those persons on the border land between sense and insanity." He thought her intellect quite clear and free from any delusion, but that she was "morally insane." Dr. MAUDSLEY, an eminent man, agreed with Dr. ROBERTSON.

"There was yet another witness," says one present, "has there been witnessed a more painful scene in court than that caused by the appearance of Mrs. EDMUNDS, the mother of the prisoner, in the witness-box. The unhappy lady, who had all the look of extreme old age, was for a long time unable to speak for her sobs. There was something exceedingly pitiable in the story of her life, as she gasped it out in sentences broken with tears; how her father, whose name she begged not to be asked to tell, had died an epileptic cripple; how her husband had gone mad in the prime of life, and died a raving lunatic; how her only son had been an idiot from his childhood, and had at last, to be sent to Earlswood to die; how her eldest daughter had attempted to commit suicide, and had died a victim of hysteria; how the prisoner, the child 'whom everybody who knew her loved,' had suffered from paralysis and hysteria; and how she herself had watched stealing over her the symptoms of the hereditary malady so fatal to her race, until this last horror had come upon the end of a life of misery. All this was wrung from the wretched mother by questions gently and kindly put, but yet to answer each one of which was to her mortal agony. And in the midst of it all there came a response, a sort of wailing cry from the dock—'This is more than I can bear.' No counsel can be justified in leaving his case incomplete; yet, if a sudden inspiration had led Serjeant PARRY to close his case as Mrs. EDMUNDS was led from the witness-box, it is doubtful whether any verdict but that of not guilty on the plea of insanity could possibly have been returned. Unfortunately the succeeding evidence weakened, if it did not destroy, the powerful impression caused by the widowed mother's story of her own and her child's life. That story bore the impress of truth, and yet the corroborating evidence was singularly weak, and at the close of the case for the defense the impression left upon the Court was that the plea of insanity had not been made out as forcibly as had been expected from the opening speech."

The jury brought in a verdict of guilty, unaccompanied by any recommendation to mercy, and the Judge expressed his concurrence with it. But the Home Secretary has altered the sentence, and Miss EDWARDS goes to a prison for life.

Necessity of Police Discipline.

A Coroner's jury yesterday decided that the waiter COSTELLO, who so grievously wounded the notorious JACK GLASS, a few weeks ago, was guilty of his death; and the prisoner was remanded to await the action of the Grand Jury. This procedure is, of course, quite right and proper; but it should be remembered that, had a certain member of the Police force performed his duty as an officer, GLASS would now probably be alive. It will be remembered that, in the TIMES' account of the affray, mention was made of an officer who grossly neglected his duty, and left the two men to settle their fierce quarrel as best they might. This Police officer must have known that GLASS was a ruffian, and that the language he used toward COSTELLO would ultimately lead to a breach of the peace. Yet, when asked to inform the officer on post that his services were required, this as yet unknown guardian of the peace replied, "Oh, settle matters quietly," a piece of advice COSTELLO was not slow to follow. The regulations of the Police Department explicitly state that no member of the force is ever off duty. In uniform or out of uniform, on post or off post, he is always an officer, and must respond to all proper calls for assistance on the part of citizens. But here was an officer who had only just been relieved from patrol duty, and was still in uniform, yet he declined to act in a case of apparent need, and left two passionate and vengeful men to settle their differences at the point of a knife. He heard GLASS make dire threats against COSTELLO, and must have known that the ruffian would probably keep his word—yet, though sworn to protect life and property, the officer ran away from his duty, and a murder was the immediate consequence. A proper degree of discipline would have instructed this officer that his duty in such a case was to see that GLASS left the saloon before any violence was used, and that the quarrel was not renewed. Had he done so, the murdered man would have been spared his fate, and COSTELLO escaped the anxiety and anguish he now suffers. We have often alluded to the laxity of discipline in the Police Department, under the present Board of Commissioners, though the present instance is the most glaring that has ever been noticed—one man in his grave, and another in prison awaiting his fate, and all because a policeman was either too cowardly or too careless to perform his duty.

MINOR TOPICS.

The European Governments are becoming nervous as to the Pope's successor. Nearly all the present members of the College of Cardinals are Italians, favorable to ultramontanism, and pressure has for some time past been brought to bear on the Papal Government to bestow the Cardinal's hat on the representatives of other countries. Probably the recent indisposition of His Holiness has strengthened the desire to see this done. It is said that a consistory for the election of fifteen Cardinals will be held next month.

The Spanish authorities are at open war with the Internationalists, whose proceedings, and the policy to be pursued in regard to them, occupied so much of the time of the Cortes before Christmas. Señor SAGASTA, the Prime Minister, has issued instructions to the Captains-general and Provincial Governors, to the effect that the meetings of the association in question are not to be prevented, and, if necessary, forcible means are to be employed to prevent them. By the present constitution it is not necessary to have permission to hold a meeting, but it is ordered that notice thereof must be given to a certain officer. Lately the Internationalists in Madrid gave the required notice, when the civil Governor sent an intimation that the meeting could not be permitted. The Internationalists deny that he is exceeding his powers, and have brought an action at law to test them.

Capt. EDWARD A. CRAPSEY, of Hudson, in this State, according to the *Evening Mirror*, is anxious to accept the offer of the thousand dollars recently made by Lady FRANKLIN, as a reward for the recovery of the records of the expedition which was buried by her late husband. The Captain holds that the Arctic explorer, is not immortal, for our mercantile enterprise. He thinks we are quite entirely from a business point of view, and thinks that an association of citizens had, including himself, could each clear a thousand by the enterprise. This idea would involve the sending out of a whaling-ship at an expense of $10,000. Instead of taking a large of scientific explorers, he would procure a short crew, and, not as leader of the expedition himself. Until his arrival at the head of Repulse Bay, he would devote himself entirely to whaling. From that point he would return home with the oil, leaving the ship behind to refit for the second voyage. On relieving her, he would move toward the south and south-western portions of King William's Land, where he firmly believes the records of the ill-fated expedition may be found. Capt. CHAPEL has already spent five Winters in the Arctic regions. As an evidence of his sincerity, he expresses a willingness to make a personal contribution of four thousand dollars, but declines altogether to be assisted either by gifts from the benevolent or subsidies from the Government.

During the past few months, Virginians have suffered so much from the persecutions of creditors that they begin to lose hope of being able finally to overcome their difficulties. According to the present State law, homesteads are exempt from attachments for debt; but owing to the stringency of the United States Bankruptcy law—as a protective measure—this has proved of no value whatever. Meetings have recently been held throughout the State, and resolutions passed calling upon Congress to so amend the law in question that its provisions may no longer clash with the interests of a majority of the people. Senator Lewis, who has had charge of a measure of this kind for some time, considering that he is now sustained by the Republican Central Committee, may renew his advocacy of it with a better prospect of success.

Paris gave up her velvet-like pavement of asphalte, and now is becoming, it is declared, the dirtiest and worst-paved city in Europe. London is fast laying down the asphalte, and is becoming, on equal authority, the best-paved of capitals. Is it quite out of the question to get asphalte in New-York? The noise and unevenness of our great thoroughfares exceed even their filthiness, and why should we go without an improvement which is possible in the cities of Europe? As we set forth some time ago, asphalte costs less than granite. It cannot well be used on high grades, but this in New-York is seldom an objection. As regards the danger of fire, elaborate experiments lately made by Capt. SHAW and Mr. HAYWOOD have settled the question. Several kinds of asphaltum were used, and all showed that the material, as laid down, is practically non-combustible. The noiselessness of asphalte, once thought so dangerous, has not proved so in practice, and on the other hand the saving of wear and tear on carriages and horses—to say nothing of human nerves—is demonstrated to exceed very greatly any possible enhanced cost.

A member of the British Parliament, Mr. GOURLEY, has lately advocated, at a public meeting held in Sutherland, a project long ago suggested in this country, and at present a favorite scheme with leading spirits of the International Society. This consists in the establishment of a United States of Europe, by way of parallel to the United States of America. Mr. GOURLEY argues that only by such a device can the monstrous burden of standing armies be got rid of, and the true interests of the mass of the people be secured. His proposal is that the several States should be independent, as with ourselves, on all questions of local and internal government, but that Imperial questions should be decided by a Congress held at a national capital, which should be a European Washington. Mr. GOURLEY in his speech went on to say that should such be the condition of Continental Europe, "the policy of England, her colonies, and America ought to be that of a grand confederation and union of the whole of the Anglo-speaking people." This was received with immense applause, although, like the primary suggestion, there is no novelty about it. So far as this continent is concerned, it is not unlikely in time to be carried out; but neither geographical nor political considerations indicate any probability of transoceanic peoples ever being included in an American confederacy.

The Portuguese Cabinet has announced a very sweeping *projet de réforme*. It includes abolition of the hereditary peerage; the removal of all restrictions on the Press; the abolition of punishment by death; the right of holding meetings subject only to police regulations, and the extension of the suffrage, already very low, to heads of a family who can write. This is all very well, but we cannot but think that the Portuguese Ministry would evince greater breadth of view and sagacity, if it had deferred some of these political reforms for the present, and had meanwhile devoted all its energies to expanding the trade of the country, making roads, stimulating enterprise, and for once in a while showing, what would be almost as great a surprise to the country as the earthquake of Lisbon, a surplus instead of a large deficit in its Budget. The vulgar consideration of money seems, except when borrowing or repudiating have to be done, reckoned beneath the notice of the statesmen of the Peninsula. Not that we mean to include Portugal in the same category as Spain in respect to brazen-faced treatment of bondholders.

The Central Park Museum—Destruction of Mr. Hawkins' Restorations.

A TIMES reporter called yesterday on Mr. B. WATERHOUSE HAWKINS in order to ascertain the truth of the allegations made in a communication which appeared in yesterday's TIMES in reference to the destruction of his restorations in the Central Park Museum. Mr. HAWKINS stated that all he had done during twenty-one months to restore the skeletons of the extinct animals of America, (of the Hadrosaurus, and the other gigantic animal, which was sixty-seven feet long), was destroyed by order of Mr. HENRY HILTON, on the 14 of May last, with sledge-hammers, and carted away to Mount St. Vincent, where the remains were buried several feet below the surface. The preparatory skeleton of other animals, including a mammoth and a mastodon and the moles and sketch models were destroyed. Mr. HILTON did this, said Mr. HAWKINS, out of ignorance, just as he had a coat of white paint put on the skeleton of a whale which Mr. PETER COOPER had presented to the Museum, and that, as he said, a bronze statue painted white. Mr. HILTON told the celebrated naturalist who had come from England to undertake the work that he should not bother himself with "dead animals," that there was plenty to do among the living. This illustrious man of science, the greatest man as HILTON at the head of one of the most important Departments of the City Government. When the skeletons were dug up again by order of Col. STRAHAN, they were found broken in thousands of pieces. Prof. HENRY, of the Smithsonian Institute, when he was told of the loss of his scientific world, let fly, "Why," he exclaimed, "I would have paid them a good price for it." Mr. HILTON, however, neglected to destroy the work of the naturalist which has cost the City at least $15,000.

NEW-YORK STATE AFFAIRS.

Progress in the Assembly of the Committee of Seventy's Charter.

No Money for Sectarian Schools—The City Record Question—A Co-operative Gas Company.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 13.

The Charter of the Committee of Seventy was taken up again in Committee of the Whole, after the reading of the journal, this morning, Mr. EASTMAN in the chair. Section 92, which was under consideration when the Committee last rose, was resumed, and Mr. I. D. BROWN, of Cayuga, claimed the floor to finish the speech which he began on Tuesday, in favor of the amendment proposed by him. This amendment substitutes for section 92 a clause prohibiting all appropriations of public money by the City authorities for any sectarian or denominational school that is not under the same regulations and subject to the same laws as the public schools.

Mr. MOULTON desired to ask the gentleman from Cayuga a question: If the friends of the charter would consent to strike out section 92, would the gentleman waive his speech? Mr. BROWN replied that he was not aware who were intended to be designated as the "friends of the charter;" but, whoever they might be, he declined to accept their offer or to waive his right to address the House upon his amendment. He then proceeded to deliver a set speech, which he had previously committed to writing, against any and all appropriations of public money for the support of sectarian institutions of all kinds. At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. MOULTON moved that the whole of section 92 be stricken out. Col. HAWKINS advocated the motion, and approved the substitute of Mr. BROWN. He said that there were four institutions in New-York City, the Children's Aid Society, the Howard Mission, the Five Points House of Industry and the Juvenile Guardian Society, which had in the aggregate under their charge 25,000 homeless and destitute children whom it was the duty as well as the interest of the City to care for. The substitute of Mr. BROWN would prevent any aid being rendered to these societies by the City, and might cripple if not destroy the great and important work of benevolence in which they were engaged. It was in contemplation to introduce a general bill regulating appropriations for charitable institutions, and the whole subject had better be left out of the charter.

Mr. ALVORD approved of BROWN's substitute, and deemed it important that it should be incorporated in the charter. Our whole system of republican government rested on our system of free public schools, which were divested of all sectarian bias or favoritism. The whole people were taxed to support these schools, and there ought to be no diversion of this money, under any circumstances, to sectarian purposes. He was happy to announce that the Ways and Means were a unit in the determination to go to the root of this system of appropriations of public money for charitable and denominational purposes, and to leave these institutions to be supported by private benevolence.

Speaker SMITH said that before the Legislature adjourned this whole subject would come up for consideration under a general bill. Whatever conclusion may be arrived at, he hoped that the legislation would be such as to apply to all parts of the State alike. Meantime, he thought that the subject should be omitted entirely from the present charter.

Mr. PELL said that while he agreed with the Speaker as to the necessity of a general law prohibiting these appropriations, yet, for fear of accidents and the possibility that such a law might not be enacted before the Legislature adjourned, he desired the prohibition to be incorporated in the charter.

Mr. ALVORD also objected to omission of any prohibition in the charter for the reason that a general law, even if enacted, was liable to be repealed by the next or any subsequent Legislature. The prohibition ought to be incorporated in the Constitution of the State, and he had no doubt that when the proposition to that effect should come before the people of the State it would be ratified by an immense majority of the voters of both parties. Mr. SMITHER advocated the substitute and hoped it would be inserted in the charter.

A REMINISCENCE OF TAMMANY LEGISLATION.

Mr. D. B. HILL, Democrat, called attention to the fact that Mr. ALVORD supported the Charity bill of 1870, which had been stigmatized as an infamous bill. This gave rise to a general discussion as to the action of the Republican and Democratic Parties on this question in past years. Mr. Q. D. BROWN said that the Charity bill of last year was not accessible to reporters after it had passed the Legislature, until the final adjournment, when it was found that numerous items had been inserted into it that never passed either House. TWEED kept the bill locked up in his desk after its passage, and no one was allowed to see it.

Mr. JACOBS begged to correct the gentleman. The bill was not locked up in TWEED's desk, but was in his own desk. Mr. STRAHAN said, if that was so, he would like the gentleman from Kings (JACOBS) to throw a little light upon a subject of great interest to his constituents as well as to the people of the State at large. When the Charity bill was before the Assembly last year, he (STRAHAN) found that some one had inserted in it an appropriation for a Catholic Orphan Asylum in Newburg. Such an institution had no existence, nor was there a single orphan under its charge. He exposed the fraud, and the appropriation was stricken out by the Assembly. When the bill went up to the Senate, it was remerited, the amount being reduced to $5,000 instead of $10,000. After the Conference Committee of the two Houses was appointed, he went before the Committee and again exposed the swindle, and had it stricken out a second time. The Charity bill passed the Legislature with no such appropriation in it, but, what was his surprise on procuring a copy of the bill after the adjournment, to find the $5,000 appropriation for the Newburg Catholic Orphan Asylum still there. Now, if Mr. JACOBS had the bill locked up in his desk from the time of its passage, would he have the kindness to explain how this bogus appropriation got there?

Mr. JACOBS did not "rise to explain," but it is due to him to say that the fraud was not perpetrated with his knowledge, and was probably the work of TWEED's clerk, CORNELIUS CORSON. As soon as Mr. JACOBS discovered the trick, he went with Mr. HUSTED and notified Controller MESSOLS of the fact, and the five thousand dollars to the bogus Orphan Asylum of Newburg was never paid.

THE SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED.

After this little episode, a vote was taken on Mr. BROWN's substitute for section 92, and it was adopted by a large majority.

The clerk then continued the reading of the charter by sections. Several verbal amendments were offered and adopted, but nothing affecting any important feature of the charter was discussed until section 101 was reached, which provided a *City Record* to publish information of contracts. This gave rise to a lengthy discussion, and was strenuously opposed by Messrs. HUSTED, ALVORD, D. B. HILL, TWOMBLY, SMITHER and others, who characterized it as a scheme for adding another *Transcript* job upon the City. Pending an amendment by HUSTED, that the City advertising be done in two daily papers having the largest circulation, the Committee, on motion of Mr. ALVORD, rose and reported progress, with the understanding that the charter be again made the special order for this evening's session. There are only two more sections to be disposed of, and, unless some trick is resorted to for further delay, there is a good prospect that the discussion on the general merits of the charter will be opened and closed to-night.

WINTER REDUCTION ON RAILROADS.

Mr. ALVORD introduced a bill authorizing and requiring the company of the Hudson River Railroad to charge more than twenty-five per cent advance on their Summer rates for freight during the Fall, Winter and Spring months.

A CORPORATION GAS COMPANY.

Mr. T. CAMPBELL introduced a bill authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of New-York to go into the business of manufacturing and supplying gas for the people of that City.

A STOCK-JOBBING MEMORIAL DISPOSED OF.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation of the Assembly presented their report on the investigation they were instructed to make of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company. They report that the memorial signed by one LAYMAN, on which the investigation was instituted, was gotten up by Wall-street stock-jobbers, for speculative purposes; that there was no ground for the charges contained in the memorial, and that the attempt to make use of the Legislature and consume the time of the Committee, for the purpose of serving their stock-gambling schemes, is deserving of the severest censure.

THE SENATE BACKS DOWN.

The Senate, today, has done just what all the knowing ones hereabouts expected it to do, viz: Reconsidered the adverse vote on the Assembly resolution providing for a February recess, and substantially adopted it. For some reason or other the lobby, which it must be admitted is as numerously represented here as at any former session, and which still exercises very great power, is unanimously, or nearly so, in favor of the recess. Members of the third House said confidently yesterday afternoon that the Senate would this morning reconsider and agree with the Assembly; and as to that there seemed to be no difference of opinion among them. The truth is, that the Erie crowd and those opposing the charter for New-York City found their hopes of success largely upon delay. All that these people want is that, like JEFF. DAVIS, they may be let alone. The *status in quo* suits them exactly. Every day that passes without affirmative action upon these matters is one day gained to them. True, it is said that the legislative session will not be shortened by the recess, the two Houses will sit late enough in the season to make up for it, &c., but this, specious as it seems, is not true. When the hundred days come to an end, there is always an impatience and eagerness on the part of members to get away. The farmers want to be on their farms, and the lawyers among their clients, and the recess of a week is practically just so much time taken out of the session, as the members cannot be kept together very long when the constitutional time is up. No wonder then that the lobby rushed out today when the reconsideration was carried, exulting that they had secured a substantial victory. Mr. PALMER thought that as Senators had come here relying upon the established custom of taking a recess at this time, it would be unfair to refuse them the opportunity. Their private business ought not to be utterly sacrificed to their public duties, nor was it necessary. Mr. MURPHY, who opposed the recess when it came up in Albany, seemingly opposed an adjournment. He thought Senators should remain and attend to the public business. Mr. D. P. WOOD also opposed the adjournment.

Mr. LOREN, Democrat, said, as this was a Reform Legislature, and he did not know whether the cause of reform would be neglected by adjourning or staying here, he did not know how to vote. He asked to be excused. His request was refused, and he said he now believed that the interests of reform would be promoted by the departure of the Legislature, so he voted for the recess, amid much merriment. The resolution was adopted, after being amended so as to make the adjournment date on Saturday next, the 17th, instead of Friday the 18th, and terminate on the Monday week following.

THE SENATE CLERK.

The Senate did not today elect a clerk. Mr. TERWILLIGER continues to officiate, and will probably do so throughout the week.

THE SEAMEN'S RETREAT.

The people of Staten Island are forwarding petitions favoring an examination of the affairs of the Seamen's Retreat, and a Committee of Investigation will probably be appointed. S.

The Reading of the New Charter—Quick Transit—Tweed's Contested Seat.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Feb. 15—Evening.—The reading of the charter was continued this evening, and an hour and a half spent in discussing the provision with regard to a *City Record*. Mr. HUSTED's amendment, that City advertisements be printed in three newspapers having the largest circulation, was carried, and another amendment was adopted changing the title of the proposed *City Record* wherever it occurs in the charter to *Journal of the City Government*. These amendments were proposed by members who are regarded as opponents of the whole charter, and the solid and uniform vote by which they were carried indicates combination among the enemies of the charter, and weakens the confidence of its friends in its final success. Nearly all the Democrats, with the exception of Mr. TILDEN, voted with those who are believed to be determined to defeat the charter. It was past 9 o'clock before the reading of the document by sections was finished, and Mr. ALVORD then moved that the Committee rise, with the understanding that it should be made the special order again for to-morrow morning. He said he desired to express his views at considerable length on the merits of the charter as a whole, and he presumed others would like to do the same. He did not, however, wish to delay final action on it, and so far as he was concerned he would promise to do all he could to have it brought to a vote to-morrow. His motion was carried, the Committee rose, and the House adjourned. The lobbies and gallery were crowded during the evening with spectators, comprising most of the members of the Committee of Seventy now here.

Another hearing was had before the Joint Railroad Committee, this afternoon, on the quick-transit scheme for New-York. SWAIN explained his three-tier plan for the twentieth time. There are now twelve or fourteen different schemes for quick transit before the Legislature, and the "Central Underground" Company today introduced a bill to amend the charter so as to allow them to run under Broadway.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections had a meeting this afternoon to look up the case of Mr. TWEED. At the last meeting the counsel for Mr. ROESA, the contestant, were ordered to make their petition and charges more specific. Today they presented a new set of charges in compliance with this order. It is very voluminous and charges a great number of fraudulent and illegal acts connected with the election directly upon TWEED. His counsel, Mr. REYNOLDS, not being able to attend today, further hearing of the case was adjourned until after recess. S.

AMUSEMENTS.

Announcements and Notes.

This evening, is to be a benefit-representation, Mrs. ZELDA SEGUIN, than whom no more gifted, conscientious and sympathetic artist is now before the public, is the *bénéficiaire*. "Martha," with Mme. PARepa-ROSA, Mrs. SEGUIN and Messrs. CASTLE and CAMPBELL in the principal characters, will be sung.... The final season of the Strakosch Italian Opera Troupe at the Academy will be commenced on Monday, March 3, "Il Trovatore," with Miss MILADOF, will be given.... A public rehearsal for the approaching Philharmonic concert occurs at the Academy of Music this afternoon.... Mrs. MOULTON, whose concert tour was interrupted by the sickness of her husband, is about to depart, in consequence of Mr. MOULTON's restored health, on a fresh journey. With the co-operation of Mr. JAMES M. WEEKS, Signor POSSATI and Mr. BOWLES, and under the management of Mr. GEORGE W. COLBY, she will be heard in a matinée concert in Philadelphia to-morrow. Subsequently the company will visit Pittsburg, Wheeling, Dayton, Cincinnati, Lexington and Louisville.... Mr. WILLIAM CRESWICK will commence, on Tuesday, an engagement at the Boston Theatre, where his performances will alternate with those of the Strakosch Italian Opera Troupe. After his two weeks' engagement in Boston shall have expired, Mr. CRESWICK will enter upon the fulfilment of an important contract in New-York.... A large audience filled Apollo Hall on Tuesday afternoon, when Mr. JACOBS HOPKINS gave one of his interesting piano-forte concerts and lectures to general satisfaction. Mr. HOPKINS' press was, as usual, felicitously painted by capital piano photographs, selected from a repertory of one hundred pieces he has learned.

NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

Situation—Miscellaneous—A New Reconstruction Law—Proposal on Railroads—The Bill Limiting Lands at Cape May.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

TRENTON, Feb. 15.—A movement toward minority representation was made in the Senate today, Mr. OUTLER introducing a bill providing that no ballot for the choice of Judges of Election shall hereafter contain more than two names. There being three Judges required by law in every voting precinct in the State, the passage of this bill would secure the minority, in all cases, a representation in the Boards of Election. The measure proposes the same principle as to township committees. In the House, this morning, Mr. WILLIAMS introduced a bill for the suppression of intemperance, which gives the families of drunkards and others the right to recover damages from liquor-dealers and landlords of premises used in the traffic, for all injuries resulting from the sale of intoxicating drinks. It was referred to a Special Committee. A bill was introduced in the House today making it unlawful for railroads to charge on freight carried for a distance of not less than five miles a larger sum than is collected for a greater distance. The bill to increase the capital stock of the New-Jersey Central Railroad Company, over which there has been a great deal of contention, was reported in the House today, with important amendments by the Committee of Corporations, by whom it has been held under consideration for some weeks. The amendments require the Company to pay to the State, before the 1st of January next, such sum for the lands under water at Communipaw now held by them, as may be fixed upon by the Riparian Commissioners, and also to pay annually, in addition to their present tax, one half of one per cent upon their capital stock and the value of their rolling stock and equipments. These amendments will not, in its present form, be accepted by the Central, but the bill, according to present indications, cannot be passed without some provisions of the kind proposed. The lands occupied by the Company are estimated by the Riparian Commissioners to be worth $1,200,000, but at a meeting held here yesterday they are said to have proposed to accept $650,000. The Company make no offer in the case. The bill to cede to Jersey City certain lands under water in Communipaw Bay was today recommitted in the Senate. The Republican joint caucus has nominated JOSEPHUS SCOTT, present State Treasurer, for re-election. Mr. ROBERT H. HOWELL, State Prison Keeper, has also been renominated. Mr. WM. S. SANTA was nominated for Law Judge, and GARRET I. ACKERMAN for Lay Judge in Bergen County. Joint meeting will be held next week. A bill was introduced in the Senate today to legalize the Chicago Relief Bonds, amounting to $25,000, issued by Jersey City.

The Stewart Fund for the Relief of Chicago Sufferers.

The Chicago *Times* gives an account of the distribution of the gift of $50,000 sent by Mr. A. T. STEWART, of this City, for the relief of sufferers by the great fire. We quote:

"In accordance with the instructions given the gentlemen to whom the distribution of this noble charity was confided have extended aid only to widows and single women who, before the fire, were self-supporting. Making exceptions from this rule, the Trustees have taken from the New-York Times the Stewart fund for the benefit of a similar class in New-York City, they have tried to relieve their present necessities, and to place them in such a way that they can again provide for their own support. Thinking that his plans would be best carried out in that way they conferred upon Mr. R. S. BOUTON, with the approval of the Relief and Aid Society, the entire control of the money intrusted to them. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon this gentleman receives applications for relief. Each case is considered separately by Mr. BOUTON, and the aid is either peremptorily refused, or granted on certain conditions. If the aid asked for will render the applicant self-supporting, it is immediately granted. The relief is given in money. When, however, the applicant wishes, a sewing-machine is bought, in accordance with a special arrangement, at a price much below that which is private individual would be obliged to pay. There have been relieved, out of this fund, 3,000 widows with children, and 1,500 sewing women. Many boarding-house keepers have also been granted temporary assistance, to enable them to take a fresh start. On Monday last there was distributed in money $6,023 50. More than $40,000 of the original gift has already been expended. Mr. BOUTON employs as assistants five women and three men, all of whom suffered severely by the fire. The persons relieved are very different in general appearance and social relations from those who seek aid in the district-supply stations. Many ladies of known standing in society, who have been loath to appear in public as the recipients of charity, have taken advantage of Mr. STEWART's generosity to obtain the aid which they so sadly needed."

The New-York Wesleyan University Club—Fourth Annual Reunion.

An agreeable reunion of the New-York Wesleyan University Club took place, yesterday evening, at the residence of Mr. DANIEL DREW, No. 41 Union-square. About 200 ladies and gentlemen were present, among whom were Bishop JANES, Dr. Pierce, of Randall's Island; Judge Reynolds, President of the Club; Dr. Cummings, Prof. Rice, Dr. Curry, Mr. Orange Judd, Dr. Foss, Dr. Strong, Dr. Kidder, Mr. C. C. North, Dr. Crooks, Dr. Andrews, Mr. Cornelius Dicksen, Mr. Daniel Embury, Mr. Wellington, and Mr. Daniel Drew. The reception commenced at 8 P. M., and until 8 P. M. the proceedings were of an entirely social character. The drawing-rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers, and an elegant collation was served at 8 o'clock. In addition to the gentlemen named above, a large number of the Professors of the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., were present. Instrumental music was furnished by Mr. WAGNER, and a number of songs were sung by the ladies and gentlemen present. At 8½ P. M. the formal proceedings of the evening commenced, consisting of a number of speeches and toasts. Dr. PIERCE presided, and made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. Dr. CUMMINGS spoke in eulogistic terms of the late Mr. ISAAC RICE, of Boston, who had left a large bequest to the Methodist Church, with which was built the Boston Theological Institute.

Bishop JANES spoke of the great benefits conferred on the Church by the Wesleyan University. Several other gentlemen delivered short addresses, and paid high compliments to the service done to the Church by Mr. DANIEL DREW.

The reunion broke up at about 11½ P. M.

Recapture of a Notorious Thief.

At the Court of Sessions in Brooklyn, last week, PETER QUINN was sentenced to the Penitentiary for four years and six months, for stealing $47 from a fellow-boarder at the Franklin House, in Fulton-street. On the way to the Penitentiary he escaped from the "Black Maria," as he says, by kicking the door out. As soon as he got out of the prison van he made for New-York, and took passage for Providence, R. I., on one of the Sound boats. This was a singularly fortunate move, as it happened that another passenger on the same boat was a gentleman who was in the Court-room at the time QUINN was sentenced. Directly the boat reached Providence, this gentleman gave information to the Police officer on the wharf, and QUINN was seized. He stoutly insisted that there was some mistake, declaring his name was JOHN DREW, and that he had just come from Buffalo. A detective was telegraphed for so Brooklyn, and QUINN was brought back last night. He has already done the State some service, having been imprisoned in State Prison in 1867 for highway robbery. An investigation is being made into the circumstances of his escape from the prison van, but QUINN says he was not aided by any one, and kicked the door out himself.

The Sixty-Street Conflagration—The Body of a Man Found Buried in the Ruins.

At about five o'clock, last evening, the mangled remains of ANTONIO MONTEVERDE, an Italian, fifty-two years of age, were found buried beneath the ruins of the building No. 7 Baxter-street, which was crushed by the walls of the adjoining structure falling upon it on Wednesday night during the fire. MONTEVERDE, it appears, lived alone in the garret of No. 7, and was not missed until yesterday, when, on search being made, his body was found in the ruins. It is supposed that the deceased was asleep during the fire and was suffocated by the dense smoke, and his body was afterward crushed by the falling walls. His face showed the marks of having been severely burned. The remains were removed to the Franklin-street Police Station.

An Hour-Old Counterfeiter Alloy.

Yesterday afternoon ALBERT BOOTH, of No. 9 Lewis-street, and ALBERT SCHICK, of No. 226 South Third-street, Williamsburg, became involved in a quarrel, at the corner of Avenue D and Second-street, during which BOOTH drew a revolver and fired two shots at his antagonist, one of the bullets lodging in SCHICK's left arm. Both were arrested and taken to the Union Market Police Station, where the wounded man was attended by a surgeon, and the belligerents were then locked up. SCHICK was interviewed during the fracas.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

Sentiments of Opinion in the English Morning Journals.

The London Times of Jan. 30 says "that the case presented by Her Majesty's Government to the Geneva Tribunal of Arbitration differs in one essential respect from that presented by the Government of the United States. Not only is it far more colorless and temperate in its tone, but it is far more limited in its scope, pleading, as it does, on the assumption that international law alone is the standard by which the conduct of Great Britain must be judged. It is maintained, in effect, that bona fide neutrality is impartial and not one-sided or 'benevolent;' that neutral duties are 'not affected by considerations arising from the political relations which subsist, or the war that may have sprung up between one another and other nations;' that 'they are to each other,' and that commissions regularly issued by a belligerent Government must be respected, even though its political sovereignty be not recognized by the neutral. The most important propositions in the case, however, are those which bear on the ordinary question of 'due diligence.' It is submitted that no Government can be expected to employ a higher degree of vigilance under a sense of international obligation than civilized Governments are wont to display on their own behalf; and, moreover, that in fact, Governments, like individuals, have usually been more solicitous about their own security than about that of their neighbors. Since are the main points of international law and practice upon which, in combination with the new rules, the British Government rests its vindication. How far it will be desirable in the counter case to deal with the sweeping indictment on which the British nation is summoned to the bar of the Geneva arbitrators is a question demanding very grave consideration from the Government. That it would have been as unbecoming, as it would have been impossible to repel such an indictment before it was preferred will be acknowledged on all hands."

On Jan. 31, the *Times* makes reference to the case in this vein: "It is enough to say that, in our judgment, the sincere desire of Her Majesty's Government to preserve an impartial neutrality is manifest throughout, and the pains taken by its opponents to fix upon it a malevolent intent argue a consciousness that upon the simple issue of 'due diligence' it has a good defence. This inference is confirmed by an extraordinary passage in the American case, where it is insisted that by the judgment on the *Alabama* and the refusal of Lord RUSSELL to profit by certain acts of which Mr. ADAMS complained, 'Great Britain assumed and justified all similar acts which had been or might be committed, and relieved the United States from the necessity of showing that due diligence was not employed to prevent them.' On the other hand, it is right to point out that, in the British case, the reception of vessels like the *Alabama* in colonial waters is not discussed as fully as it deserved. They were received, we are told, as vessels of war in the ports of Great Britain, as well as in those of the other neutral countries visited by them. In British ports they were received on the same footing as in those of other neutral nations, and were allowed to purchase supplies on the same conditions as armed vessels of the United States, careful precautions being employed to prevent any renewal or augmentation of their force within British waters. If this can be established, as we doubt not that it can, for all purposes of the arbitration, no possible liability can arise on account of the sympathy with the Confederates which may have been shown by the Bahama merchants, or even by colonial authorities in their private capacity. But it is not to be disguised that various specific instances of partiality, approaching to connivance with abuses of neutrality, are alleged by the United States against colonial authorities in their public capacity. These instances must be carefully sifted, but they should fall within the second rule laid down by Mr. Evarts, which is directed against negligence in limiting the so-called 'hospitalities' allowed to belligerent cruisers in neutral ports. It is needless to say that, if any such negligence was displayed—which remains to be proved—it was displayed in spite of direct and repeated instructions from the Home Government. It should also be remembered, and pressed upon the Geneva Tribunal, that in this as in other respects Great Britain and her colonies had to deal with a *casus omissus* in international law. Coal, in particular, is an article which, for obvious reasons, has never been classed among warlike stores, though it may prove invaluable in naval warfare, and it would be monstrous to mulct Great Britain because this or that Colonial Governor may have allowed the *Alabama* or the *Florida* too liberal a supply of it."

The *Times* on Feb. 1 says: "We trust, and believe, that the painful feeling which has been excited by the American case against them will not lead us into recriminations such as have been applied to ourselves; but it must by this time be evident to all that we cannot go into Court to answer the claims for indirect damages that have been preferred. If they are covered by the words of the treaty, we must repudiate a document never, as we believe, proposed, and most certainly never subscribed, in any such sense. We must protest at once, and finally, that we utterly disallow that indirect damages are included in the reference under the treaty. We never consented to their being included. We cannot go on if they are persistently asserted. ... It may appear superfluous to refer to what has been uniformly held in England ever since the treaty was negotiated. No statement of ours could detract from the force of an agreement to which we had bound ourselves, but contemporaneous explanations given by Commissioners and Ministers of State may be admitted to explain the view they took of the terms of the treaty in negotiating and sanctioning it. Last June Lord RUSSELL attacked the treaty in the House of Lords, Gen. SCHENCK, a Commissioner of the Treaty, and then, as now, American Minister, being in the Diplomatic Gallery. What was the inquiry of Lord GRANVILLE on that occasion? He said: 'The noble Earl (RUSSELL) said that the United States made no concessions, but in the very beginning of the protocols Mr. FISH, referring to the propositions he had made before to much larger national claims, said that Lord GRANVILLE proceeded to quote Mr. FISH's demand for indirect damages, including the cost of the prolongation of the war, adding, 'These were the precautions which might have been carried out under the former arbitration, but they entirely disappear under the limited reference,' which included only complaints arising out of the escape of the *Alabama*." Lord RUSSELL subsequently referred to and adopted the argument of his colleague, Lord CAIRNS, indeed, at a later hour remarked that the words of the treaty were wide enough to include the demands which were understood to be excluded, but his interpretation was immediately repudiated by the Duke of ARGYLL, and there was no hint of difference of opinion as to the sense in which the treaty had been accepted. We now find that the United States are attempting to fasten upon it a meaning never suggested by any of their Commissioners at the time, the mere hint of which would, indeed, have caused the negotiations to be broken off. We cannot too strongly regret this ill-advised proceeding; but however painful the duty it imposes upon us, we cannot recede from it. We must give notice at once that the reference now attempted to be set up is not the reference to which we agreed, and we must retire from it altogether if the attempt to pervert the treaty from its original meaning be persisted in."

The *Daily Telegraph* says: "No such pretensions have been or can be for a moment allowed by Her Majesty's Government. Those diplomatists would have singularly forgotten their English blood who negotiated, those statesmen would have made an ignoble plunge toward national degeneracy who sanctioned a treaty that gave the utmost stretch of possibility could strike Great Britain with a vast war fine because she had been honestly neutral in the American civil strife. Whatever may be said about the wording of the treaty, its spirit and intent were perfectly clear to the honorable men who signed it on behalf of the English Government. The duty incumbent on the Ministry is obvious and natural. It is not to take any violent steps, by way of protest, or special notice, or otherwise to absolve itself from responsibility in the indirect claims. It is simply to fulfil the promise of its original case, and meet in a supplementary document the strange American pretensions. We have no need to urge upon the Government the utmost promptitude in placing before the tribunal the refounder to the American case, involving a distinct and absolute repudiation of the indirect claims, without argument and without reserve. Until that refounder shall come into the hands of the arbitrators, they are virtually precluded from considering in any way an American claim that so manifestly was never contemplated either by the English negotiators or by those who prepared the English case. Half a dozen words will be sufficient in the foreknoll of the refounder, on appeal, to place clearly before the Court the views of England on this subject. But those words must be spoken without delay, without falter, with a boldness and confidence of mien which shall testify that behind the men who utter them stands a united English nation—willing to do its duty, but resolute to uphold its rights."

In an article with the caption, "The Government Journal on the American Demands," the *Pall Mall Gazette* argues thus: "In its capacity of apologist for the Government, the *Telegraph* has taken up the Alabama claims under the Treaty of Washington, writing, as usual in such emergencies, with abundance of false suggestion and bold misrepresentation. Thus, it says that nothing has happened since Mr. SUMNER put forward those claims for compensation which could lead us to give the demand any legality. It would be almost as true to say that the Treaty of Washington has no existence. The very purpose of the treaty is to give legality to all claims for compensation which can be established under those rules of conduct therein and never before said to be binding on neutrals. Those rules, now for the first time made and acknowledged as law, center a local status on certain claims to which they could not apply at the time of Mr. SUMNER's demand, for then they did not exist. These are the Rules:

"A neutral Government is bound—First—To use due diligence to prevent the equipping, within its jurisdiction, of any vessel which it has reasonable ground to believe is intended to cruise or to carry on war against a power with which it is at peace, and also to use the diligence to prevent the departure from its jurisdiction of any vessel intended to cruise or carry on war as above, such vessel having been fitted out wholly or in part within such jurisdiction, to the like effect.

Second—Not to permit or suffer either belligerent to make use of its ports or waters as the base of naval operations against the other, or for the purpose of the renewal or augmentation of military supplies or arms, or the recruitment of men.

Thirdly—To exercise due diligence in its ports and waters, and, as to all persons within its jurisdiction, to prevent any violation of the foregoing obligations and duties.

The treaty declares in so many words that the legal responsibility cast upon us by these very wide rules is acknowledged and accepted how for the first time. Moreover, it says:

Her Majesty's Government cannot assent to the foregoing rules as a statement of principles of international law which were in force at the time when the claims mentioned in article 1 arose, but that her Majesty's Government, in order to evince the desire of strengthening the friendly relations between the two countries and of making satisfactory provision for the future, agree that in deciding the questions submitted to the tribunal of arbitration which may be raised by the foregoing rules, the arbitrators should assume that her Majesty's Government had undertaken to act upon the principles set forth in these rules.

Therefore it is contrary to the truth to say that the American claims have no more legal validity now than when Mr. SUMNER pushed them to extravagant lengths. We confer upon them a legal validity by the treaty, which we say in the treaty is new, and a gift. That is the fact. But, it may be answered, the concession does not go so far as the Americans pretend. That is the question within the fact. We have seen that by the treaty we assent to the application of the three rules to the claims set forth in article 1. The question is whether, as set forth in article 1., these claims can be said to include demands on account of indirect loss; whether, in fact, they are included in the words 'claims growing out of acts committed by certain vessels, and generically known as the *Alabama* claims.' And thus we see that the *Telegraph*, apologizing for the Government if not expounding their views, gives to the facts a totally false color. That journal says, 'Those diplomatists would have singularly forgot their English blood who negotiated—those statesmen would have made an ignoble plunge toward national degeneracy who sanctioned—a treaty that by the utmost stretch of possibility could strike Great Britain with a vast war fine because she had been honestly neutral in the American civil strife.' This we do not dispute; but the question is not so much whether our diplomatists forgot their English blood, as whether 'by the utmost stretch of possibility' or even less they have laid us open to the infliction of a vast war-fine. If the terms of the treaty alone are considered, (and we suppose the United States Government will cling to them,) there can be little doubt that this is at least disputable. But the *Telegraph* asserts positively, and as if from information received, that 'not one word in the treaty was for a moment regarded by our Commissioners as having any reference, other than exclusive, to the indirect claims.' This is what we supposed. Further, the *Telegraph* intimates that our Government will promptly answer the American case, absolutely repudiating the indirect claims 'without argument and without reserve.' This is very much what we have recommended; and we only hope the *Telegraph* is not misinformed."

SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

Statistics Relative to Public Charities—Progress of Catholic Schools—Interesting Facts.

The following selections are from footings of tables of statistics prepared by the New-York City Council of Political Reform, relating to public charities. These tables have been collated wholly from official reports of City and State officers, the yearly reports of the institutions, and statements furnished by the City and State Controllers. Sufficient returns have not been received for the year 1871 to complete the tables for that year.

There are ten charitable institutions sustained by the State that received in 1870:

From the State	$1,004,271 84
From other sources	1,893,004 24
Total	$2,900,306 18

The average number of beneficiaries of these institutions for 1870 was	3,103
The number of almshouses in New-York State in 1870 had increased to	6,800
Number supported and relieved	75,710
Total cost	$1,187,400 25
Thirty-six dispensaries received from the State in 1871	$33,100 00
From other sources	81,049 91
Total	$114,149 91
Number of persons treated	294,107
Number of prescriptions	326,287
Number of vaccinations	15,809

In addition to the above, 223 private charitable institutions, including schools, asylums, homes and hospitals, received aid in 1870:

From the State and City of New-York	$1,725,815 89
From other sources	1,702,075 06
Total	$3,427,890 97
Number of beneficiaries	117,593

Seventy-three of these private charitable institutions located in New-York City are under the control of religious denominations, and were aided in 1870 as follows:

1 German Reformed institution	$1,025 00
1 Lutheran institution	1,911 16
1 Methodist Episcopal institution	11,725 04
2 Hebrew institutions	11,453 72
18 Protestant Sectarian institutions	93,018 94
55 Roman Catholic institutions	641,423 00
73	$860,084 66
Received from other sources	$472,304 49
Number of beneficiaries	15,945

One hundred and sixteen of these private charitable institutions, located in other cities of the State, and under the control of religious denominations, were aided in 1870 as follows:

One Hebrew institution	$300 00
Two Protestant Episcopal institutions	1,372 15
Two Lutheran institutions	5,139 00
One Baptist institution	7,211 01
One hundred and ten Roman Catholic institutions	340,222 39
Total	$354,664 54
Received from other sources	$314,312 17
Number of beneficiaries	24,523

Fifty-five of these private charitable institutions, not under the control of religious denominations, located in New-York City, were aided in 1870 as follows:

From the State	$627,448 89
From other sources	738,106 67
Number of beneficiaries	99,925

Thirty-eight of these private charitable institutions, not under control of religious denominations, located in other parts of the State, were aided in 1870, as follows:

From the State	$144,731 66
From other sources	257,000 00
Number of beneficiaries	8,267

Of the 117,593 beneficiaries of these private charitable institutions, 74,645 are pupils of week-day schools, aided by public funds, and are under the following management:

	Pupils.
18 non-denominational schools, with	10,722
1 German Reformed school, with	407
1 Hebrew school, with	1,000
3 Lutheran schools, with	865
11 Protestant Episcopal schools, with	4,850
112 Roman Catholic schools, with	57,000
Total	74,645

The average daily attendance of the public schools of New-York City in 1870 was 96,552
In 1860 82,000

The average yearly increase	4,162
Average attendance in 1871 was	96,677
Decrease	1,061

By census of 1870 the whole number of the school population of New-York City was 214,447
In 1860 it was 185,918

Average yearly increase	8,047

Small-Pox in Brooklyn Redoubtable.

Information was brought to Dr. COCHRAN, Health Officer of Brooklyn, yesterday, that infected rags were being landed on some of the wharfs of the city from the ship *Missouri* and other quarantined vessels in the port. The rags were intended for the Fifth Ward dealers, and if landed might have spread contagion through the whole city. Effectual measures have been taken to prevent this, and the section of the city comprised in this ward has been placed in special charge of Dr. HOLLEY. Dr. COCHRAN reports that the small-pox has moderated, and is subsiding. He attributes this, among other things, to the thorough system of vaccination which was established, and is in favor of maintaining all preventive measures as present, as owing to the frequent arrival of steamers with emigrants from Europe, the city is liable to receive contagion at any moment. There are at this time seventy-one patients in the small-pox hospital, showing a decrease of 19 since last report, compared with the last report. The Committee of Investigation appointed by the Commissioners on the small-pox hospital, report that they have personally by visit and inquiry ascertained all the facts necessary to form a correct opinion as to all matters referred to them. They questioned both patients and nurses, and in every instance elicited a favorable reply. They are of opinion that the building is well managed, and that the sick patients receive all the care and attention necessary.

Women and Site Translators.

Last evening Prof. BAYARD lectured at the University of the City of New-York, upon "Homer and his English Translators." He began with CHAPMAN, the first to render HOMER into English, and passed from him to the other translators of the Greek poet, in their order, comparing and commenting upon each. He closed with a brief criticism upon BRYANT's translation, the last, and in the opinion of the speaker, the best which has yet been made, both for eloquence of diction and faithfulness to the original.

LEADING CHARACTERS, WITH PORTRAITS.—Attorney-General Williams, of Washington; Rev. Robert S. Candlish, of Edinburgh; Rev. Mr. Hepworth, of New-York; Lord Lyttelton, Earl of Selkirk and James Fisk, Jr., in March number PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL; 30 cents, or $3 a year. Ready to-morrow. Newsmen will have it. Address S. R. WELLS, No. 389 Broadway, New-York.—*Advertisement.*

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The business transacted at the Exchange yesterday, Feb. 14, was again of decided interest, and the result a success, showing conclusively that a healthy impetus has been given to the market by the favorable consummation of the sales recently held. The most important auction of the day was that conducted by R. H. LUDLOW & CO., who, by order of the executors of FRANCES HENDRICKS, deceased, disposed of sixty-three lots and gores of land located respectively on Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets, west of Tenth-avenue, all of which were sold and at good figures. The gore lots on Forty-ninth-street control a front of 339 feet, the land in the rear belonging to the Astor estate, while on Fiftieth-street the front covered by the gore lots sold is some 510 feet. The prospective value of the land can therefore readily be seen, when the near property shall become needed for building purposes. Nearly all the lots are, however, covered with rock, and a large expenditure will be required before they can be brought into use, and when this is considered, the prices realized, as will be seen, were excellent. A detailed report is given below, with the names of purchasers in each instance noted. The attendance at the auction was large, and bidding active, while the manner in which it was carried through by the auctioneers in charge, was all that could be desired. The aggregate sum realized was $145,800. The lot on Sackett-street, Brooklyn, belonging to the same estate, advertised also for sale, was not offered, but publicly withdrawn.

In addition to the above, considerable other business was transacted, of which the following is a review: MULLER, WILKINS & CO., by order of the executors of S. S. WARD, deceased, sold four lots of land located on the south-east corner of Washington and Laight stre-ts, each 20 by 92, for $7,950 each, purchaser, C. N. BOSCHER. Also, the premises No. 309 Washington-street, between Hubert and Laight streets, embracing a lot of land, 25 by 60, with a small two-story brick stable thereon for $8,900; purchaser, DEWEZ BOWE. Two lots of land on Vestry-street, between Washington and West streets, belonging to the same estate, were also offered, but as announced as the buildings were not disposed of with the property, no sale was effected. The same firm further sold at public auction, five full lots on the south side of One Hundred and Forty-ninth-street, between Eighth and Tenth avenues, at $3,075 a piece; purchaser, F. NEMRITH. A lot on Third-avenue, north of Seventy-eighth-street, was also offered at auction, and bids to the amount of $17,450 received, but, as we are informed, probably not sold. A lot on Twenty-eighth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, with two buildings thereon, the premises being known as No. 145, was in addition offered, but without result. The Supreme Court sale by the same firm of house and lot, No. 116 West Fourteenth-street, was adjourned for two weeks.

At a trustees' sale ALLEN & BROWN sold two three-story high-stoop brick houses and lots known respectively as Nos. 7 and 9 Varick-place and Sullivan-street, between Houston and Bleecker-street, one for $14,200 and the other for $14,150, the purchaser being M. J. TOMPKINS and G. LACHAT. The same firm also sold at public auction a three-story and basement brick house and lot, known as No. 209 Spring-street, between Sullivan and Macdougal-street, with right of alley-way to the last named street, for $12,150; purchaser, MICHAEL WILLIAMS. A frame house and lot on Forty-second-street, 325 feet East of Eleventh-avenue, was, in addition, offered but not sold, although knocked down for $3,750.

The only other sale effected was one by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, under the direction of PHILO T. BUGGLES, Esq., referee, made by A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., who sold two lots lately occupied by a dwelling (destroyed by fire) on the north side of Forty-second-street, 20 feet west of Second-avenue, for $12,750. The legal sales of property on Elm and on Fifty-fifth streets, announced for yesterday, by the same auctioneers, were both adjourned until the 20th inst. An offering at public auction of a house and lot known as No. 327 Leonard-street, Brooklyn, E. D., by S. DINGEE, for which bids to the sum of $34,300 were made, but no sale effected, closed the business of the day.

In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, JOHNSON & MILLER sold at auction, by order of the Supreme Court in partition, under the direction of Chas. M. EARLE, Esq., referee, the following property: Two lots on the west side of Bond-street, 60 feet south of President-street, each 20 by 75, sold to ALFRED WALLACE for $680 each; one lot, 20 by 100, on the north side of President-street, 95 feet west of Bond-street, sold to OWEN KIRMAN for $625, and one lot, same size, adjoining, sold for $600.

For today at the Exchange in this City, the only sale announced is one of a legal character, JOSEPH MCGUIRE, auctioneer, of a house and lot on One Hundred and Twenty-third-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. At private sale, Wm. H. RAND, Jr., No. 534 Pine-st., reports having recently sold City real estate as follows: one full lot on the south side of Fifty-seventh-street, 475 feet west of Fifth-avenue, sold for $27,500; one full lot on the north side of One Hundred and Third-street, seventy feet west of Madison-avenue, sold for $5,300; and the four-story brown-stone house and lot, (20 by 50 by 100,) No. 127 West Forty-second-street, sold for $40,000.

Exchange Sales, Thursday, Feb. 15.

NEW-YORK.

By R. H. Ludlow & Co.

(Mandrian Estate.)

3 gore lots, Nos. 10 and 8, s. s. 49th-st., 72.5 ft. w. of 10th-av., together forming plot 48.7x20.8x 48.11x18.11; Joseph F. Hitch, purchaser, $1,025 each $2,050
2 gore lots, Nos. 6 and 7, s. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, together 60x22.10x20x18.2; James O'Donohue, purchaser, $900 each 1,800
3 gore lots, Nos. 4, 5 and 6, s. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, together 76x18.22x76x12.4; same buyer, $800 each 1,800
3 gore lots, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, s. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, together, 100.8x12.4x100.11, same buyer as above, $925 each 2,775
1 lot, No. 71, n. s. 49th-st., 20 ft. w. of 10th-av., 18 feet in front and 100 feet in depth; Thomas Toplis, purchaser, $4,750 4,750
3 lots, Nos. 12, 13 and 14, n. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, each 20x100.5, same purchaser, $5,500 each 16,500
2 lots, Nos. 16 and 18, n. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, each same size, A. Wolfe, Jr., purchaser, $3,150 each 6,300
2 lots, Nos. 17 and 19, n. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, each same size, Jas. H. Power, purchaser, $2,900 each 5,800
2 lots, Nos. 19 and 20, n. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, each same size, same buyer as above, $2,750 each 5,500
2 lots, Nos. 21 and 22, n. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, each same size; Samuel D. Richards, purchaser, $2,550 each 5,10
1 lot, No. 23 and 24, n. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, each same size; A. Wolfe, Jr., purchaser, $2,750 each 5,500
2 lots, Nos. 25 and 26, n. s. 49th-st., adjoining above, each same size; James O'Donohue, purchaser, $2,750 each 5,500
2 lots, Nos. 27, 28 and 5, 6, 7, 8, 49th-st., n. s. corner 10th-av., together forming plot 76x100.5x 77.4x104.5; Jas. O'Donohue, purchaser, $4,700 each 14,100
3 lots, Nos. 54, 52 and 52, n. s. 50th-st., 75 ft. w. of 10th-av., adjoining above, each 25x100.5; same buyer as above, $2,850 each 7,950
2 lots, Nos. 61 and 60, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, each same size; John Woods purchaser, $2,300 each 4,600
2 lots, Nos. 57 and 58, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, each same size; Lippman Toplis purchaser, $2,150 each 4,300
2 lots, Nos. 45 and 44, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, each same size; buyer as above, $2,250 each 4,500
2 lots, Nos. 43 and 42, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, each same size; same buyer, $2,250 each 4,500
1 lot, No. 41, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, same buyer, $2,700 2,700
2 gore lots, Nos. 40, 41 and 42, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, together 76x12x76.10x20.2, Harrison Hasell, purchaser, $1,080 each 2,160
2 gore lots, Nos. 63, 64 and 65, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, together 76x20.12x76.10x20.2, R. C. Thorne, purchaser, $2,250 each 4,500
2 gore lots, Nos. 66 and 67, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, together, 46x20.2x40.7x46.1; Timothy Mooney, purchaser, $2,175 each 4,350
2 gore lots, Nos. 68 and 69, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, together, 32x46.2x30.7x46.1; John Wendel, purchaser, $2,250 4,500
2 gore lots, Nos. 70, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, and 71, n. s. 49th-st., together, 46x100.5x 46.1x100.5; same buyer as above 2,575
2 gore lots, Nos. 72, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, and 73, n. s. 49th-st., together, 46x100.5x 46.1x100.5; same buyer as above 2,575
2 gore lots, Nos. 74, n. s. 50th-st., adjoining above, and 75, n. s. 49th-st., together, 46x100.5x 46.1x100.5; same buyer as above 2,575
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CHINA	Wednesday, Mar. 13, 72

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PARTHIA	Saturday, Feb. 10, 72
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SAXONIA	Saturday, Feb. 24, 72
SIBERIA	Saturday, Mar. 2, 72
HECLA	Saturday, Mar. 9, 72

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NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....Mar. 13, at 8½ A.M.
WYOMING, Capt. WHITE.....Mar. 20, at 2½ P.M.
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CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, Mar. 9, 8 P.M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Mar. 16, 10 A.M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Mar. 23, 2 P.M.

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WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER by a man of mature years; experience in some of the best gardens in this country; understands the culture of hot and green house plants, grapes under glass and out doors, the general gardening and the management of a gentleman's place; married; small family; City references. Address FLORIST, Box No. 181 Times Office.

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WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable Protestant man (married, no children) as coachman and groom; thoroughly understands his business in all its branches; is willing to make himself useful on a gentleman's place; best City references. Address A. B., Box No. 211 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant, middle aged German, a situation as coachman; can take charge of any first-class place; understands his business in all its branches; is willing to make himself useful on a gentleman's place; best City references. Address G. MILLS, No. 228 Williams-st., in the bakery.

WANTED—A COACHMAN'S SITUATION by a first-class young man; single; competent and obliging; good City references; City or country. Address F. G. H., Upham's Advertisement Office, No. 84½ West 32d-st.

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WANTED—BY THE FIRST OF MARCH, A situation as gardener, by a single man. Scotch; understands his business in all its branches and good apply. Address F. G. Box No. 277, Goshen, Orange County, N. Y.

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NO. 71 BROADWAY (EMPIRE BUILDING.)

LEGAL NOTICES.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT.—RICHARD H. GRIFFIN and Howard Hoffman, plaintiffs, against HENRY T. HELMBOLD and Henrietta B. Helmbold, defendants.—Summons for a money demand on contract. (Com. not Sec.)—To the defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, in the Court-house in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint, on the subscribers, at their office, No. 32 William-street, in said City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of one thousand and twenty-five dollars and sixteen cents, with interest on eight thousand seven hundred and eighty-one dollars and ninety-four cents, from the 1st day of July, 1871, and one hundred and fifty-three dollars and twenty-two cents, from the 1st day of December, 1871, besides the costs and disbursements of this action.—Dated, Jan. 18, 1872.

BARLOW, LAROCQUE & MACFARLAND, Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

The complaint in this action was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, in the Court-house, in the City, County and State of New-York, the 16th day of February, 1872.

BARLOW, LAROCQUE & MACFARLAND, 16-law6w* Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT.—CITY and County of New-York.—WILLIAM E. WORTHEN, plaintiff, against THE AMERICAN CORDAGE COMPANY, FOUR COMPANIES, defendants.—Summons for a money demand on contract.—(Com. not sec.)—To the defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the County Court-house in said City, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint, on the subscriber at his office, No. 52 Stewart Building, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, for the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 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FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 15.

Mr. CRAIG submitted a resolution, which was agreed to, instructing the Committee on Education and Labor to inquire into the expediency of an amendment to the Constitution providing some educational test in the exercise of the electoral franchise. Also a resolution directing the Committee on Territories to report on the expediency of enacting a law to prevent the indiscriminate slaughter and extermination of antelope and buffalo.

BROWNLOW AND BECK.

Mr. BROWNLOW proposed to make a personal explanation in writing, in reply to the remarks made by Mr. BECK, of Kentucky, about him, in the House, on the 22d ult. Mr. BECK, on that occasion, said that Mr. BROWNLOW, while Governor of Tennessee, made that State a pandemonium; that he and the other reconstructing Governors were hated and despised, and that their only refuge, if they could escape the Penitentiary, seemed to be in the Senate of the United States. Mr. BROWNLOW said that there was a time when Mr. BECK would not have dared to put this insult upon him, lest he (BROWNLOW) should take Mr. BECK's overseer's whip from the hand and lay it over his back. He also said that when Mr. BECK abandoned the respectable business of a hostler and became a slave-driver, he sank below the notice of all decent men. The Vice-President said this language was improper under the rule. Mr. CHANDLER moved that Mr. BROWNLOW have unanimous consent to proceed. Mr. CASSERLY asked the Vice-President if he knew of any precedent for the utterance of such language in the Senate Chamber. The Vice-President did not recollect several instances when such language had been uttered, but of course not in accordance with parliamentary law. Mr. BLAIR said Mr. BROWNLOW's language was appropriate to the means by which he obtained his seat, and hoped he would be allowed to proceed. The Clerk then read the explanation. It reviewed Mr. BROWNLOW's career as Governor of Tennessee, and asserted that his dealings with the State Treasury had been strictly honest, and that Mr. BECK's statement that he (Gov. BROWNLOW) was hated and despised by the people of Tennessee, was false as hell. In conclusion, he said he left BECK in the worst possible company, namely, with himself.

SUMNER'S RESOLUTIONS.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the Sumner resolution. Mr. HARLAN said that since 1866 our Government had had on hand a great quantity of ordnance stores, which by authority of Congress had been sold at public and private sale, and had been purchased largely by our own citizens, as well as by foreigners. When the war broke out between France and Prussia the Government refused to sell arms to either belligerent or to their known agents. Of course they continued to sell to our own citizens, and let them be in their power to prevent these arms being resold to one or the other belligerent. There was not the slightest particle of evidence to show that our authorities were cognizant that any of the arms sold were destined for the French. He replied to the intimation that all the money received for the arms on account of the arms sold was not paid into the Treasury. He read from the report of the Chief of Ordnance of the sales of arms, and claimed that the discrepancies alleged by Mr. SUMNER did not exist. In reply to the intimation that certain sales of arms had been made which were included in the report of the Chief of Ordnance, to support which Mr. SUMNER had read an Associated Press dispatch stating that they had been made, Mr. HARLAN explained that no such sales were made, the bids having been rejected, and in proof of this he produced the records of the Ordnance Department. He then reviewed in detail the preamble of Mr. SUMNER's resolution, and argued that the letters and documents cited or referred to therein showed clearly that some one in the country must be in non-official and unauthorized communication with the French Legation, because several of them could not have been got in any other way. He believed, therefore, that the whole proceeding had been incited by the present French Government, and that its agents had been sufficiently adroit to draw into it a member of the Senate. The French Government wanted evidence to prosecute some of its own agents suspected of dishonesty, and it had been able to find some person here who was willing to aid it, and ransack the records of the French Legation in the hope of finding something that would be used against a department of his own Government. The preamble compared the records of the War Department, of the amounts received for arms, and the French records of what had been paid by that Government. Now the question was where did the author of the preamble get access to the French record? Mr. SUMNER—I held that record in my hand while I spoke yesterday. It will be found in the *Journal of the French Republic*. Mr. HARLAN—Another newspaper statement. Mr. EDMUNDS—Here it is in the New-York *Sun*. [Laughter.] Mr. SUMNER—It is the report of a French official, published in the French official journal. Mr. HARLAN—And copied into the *Sun*. Mr. SUMNER—Copied into the *Sun*. [Laughter.] Mr. HARLAN—Well, whether that is sufficient authority for the arraignment of a high officer of our own Government by a member of the American Senate, I leave for the American people to decide. Mr. HARLAN then criticised the resolution itself, and asked why it proposed to include the more recent examination of the Franco-Prussian war, if the only motive was to vindicate our own Government from unjust suspicion. Again, why was the Committee to ascertain who were the real parties in interest? What difference did it make to our Government whether the purchasers bought for themselves or somebody else? Further, why must we ascertain what sums were actually paid by the real parties in interest? The explanation was that the French Government wanted this information to be used against their own officials, and the question was whether it was legitimate for the American Senate to lend itself to the French Legation for such a purpose, and if France had received any wrong at our hands, let her resort to the Courts. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN said he could not vote for the preamble, and he did not see how any Senator could; and the resolution itself was wholly unnecessary. The preamble and resolution together were a very anomalous production, and if they had not been introduced by one whose patriotism he could not question, (Mr. SUMNER,) he would be forced to believe that they were introduced in hostility to this country. The private so to be investigated had occurred in 1870, and no complaint on the subject had been made by Prussia, yet, in the absence of such complaint, or any other ground, an American Senator introduced a preamble asserting that the good name of our Government was seriously compromised, and a resolution proposing an investigation. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN reviewed the paragraphs of the preamble one by one, and argued that some of the statements quoted in it were plainly false, and that none of them furnished foundation for the allegation that the good name of our Government was seriously compromised. The investigation must now go on, but he hoped it would be made, not by the Committee proposed in this resolution, because by Parliamentary usage the Chairman of that Committee (Mr. SUMNER) would be one who had already assumed in this preamble the truth of the charges to be investigated. He hoped the matter would be referred to the Committee on Investigation and Retrenchment, the Committee created for the purpose of investigating. This was an era of investigations. They were ordered on almost every pretext, and many of them, like this one, were quite unnecessary, but they would continue until after the Philadelphia Convention. Mr. SCHURZ said that this investigation had seemed to be very popular in the Senate yesterday, but it was less so to-day. It was now regarded as a disgrace to the American name, and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. SUMNER) who had always passed for a good American, was suddenly made to appear in the character of an agent for France. The Senator (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN) had also charged him with doing that which would irritate the Prussian Government to make claims against the United States. It appeared, therefore, that Mr. SUMNER must be regarded as a Prussian agent also, and that the two great belligerents of 1870 were united in this one thing. [Laughter.] But the opposition to the investigation should not excite surprise, for it would be remembered that the resolution for the investigation of the abuses of the New-York Custom-house had been met in the same manner, and that the men who moved and urged it were said to be very doubtful characters, compared with Lucifer and Byron, two. [Laughter.] The pending resolution contemplated the investigation of certain facts, and it was a question for the Senate was to the investigation necessary? Senators who argued that it was a waste of time gone over the preamble point by point, and he would follow their example, which he did. He insisted that there was no ground whatever for the insinuation that Mr. SUMNER or any Senator had instigated the proceedings of the French Government. The idea seemed to be that that Government had ordered certain investigations, and had discovered difficulties and also reasons for believing that the Government of the United States was aware of these practices of a questionable character having gone on here. The rule laid down for itself by the United States Government seemed to have been that no arms should be sold to a known agent of either belligerent, and if this rule had been observed, no arms would have been sold, when their going at once into the hands of either belligerent was a matter of ordinary probability. When the war between France and Prussia was raging, it was a fair presumption that every man offering to purchase a large lot of arms was there for one or other of the belligerents. When Mr. BENNETT applied for 20,000 muskets and 17,000,000 cartridges, it was at least certain that a great change had taken place in the market for arms, and it was the duty of the Government then to move in the matter, carefully circumspect in the disposal of its ordnance stores. He would not say that the Secretary of WAR knew, at first, that Mr. BENNETT was the agent of the French Government, but he soon afterward disclosed himself as such. The reports made to the French Government showed that all the lots of arms sold here went to France. Mr. CONKLING denied this, and said the Senator (Mr. SCHURZ) knew very well that France and Prussia did not constitute the only, or even the chief market, for arms in Christendom at that time. Mr. SCHURZ said the investigation would show that at least an overwhelming majority of the arms went to France. Mr. CONKLING—There is a difference between all and an "overwhelming majority." Mr. SCHURZ said then Mr. BENNETT's letter of Dec. 12, 1870, his statement that he had bought fifty batteries, &c., and said that this showed BENNETTON to have been negotiating with the Government after he had declared himself to be a French agent, because after the indorsement of BENNETTON as a gentleman of high character, yesterday, by the Senator, (Mr. CONKLING,) it would not do to explain away his statements in that letter by saying that he was trying to magnify his importance in the eyes of the French Government. Mr. CONKLING said he had not yet indorsed Mr. BENNETTON as a gentleman of high character, but he might do so if it should become necessary. Mr. SCHURZ thought that the circumstances to which he was calling attention seemed to make it necessary. Mr. CONKLING asked whether Mr. SCHURZ meant to say or imply that Mr. BENNETTON's letter necessarily meant that he had made the purchase in person? The language of the letter would be just as true and appropriate if he had done the business through agents, and we had the word of the Secretary of War that no arms were sold to Mr. BENNETTON by the Department after about the middle of October, 1870. Mr. SCHURZ was willing to put the letter before the country without further comment. He then discussed the sales to Mr. RICHARDSON, the alleged attorney of Messrs. BENNETTON & SONS. Mr. RICHARDSON, he said, was a lawyer of Elon, N. Y. He ordered 50,000 muskets. What a bellicose lawyer. [Laughter.] What did a little country lawyer want with 50,000 muskets? Here, surely, was exceedingly strong ground for suspicion on the part of the War Department or else there had been transparent jugglery, and in either case investigation was necessary. Mr. BENNETTON himself had since gone to France carrying a certificate of character from the Secretary of War, indorsed, as he (Mr. SCHURZ) was informed, by Mr. CONKLING. Mr. CONKLING denied that he had indorsed any letter written by anybody else for Mr. BENNETTON, but stated that he had written a letter himself, saying that so far as he had ever known the character of the BENNETTON BROS., commercially and personally, was good, and their standing enviably high in the community in which they had always lived. He had written the letter at the request of Mr. BENNETTON, who had told him that his character had been questioned abroad. Mr. BENNETTON also stated that instead of having special facilities given him by the Government of the United States, he had been questioned, impeded and baffled in his transactions in arms in a manner and to an extent far beyond anything to which he had ever known a citizen of any other country to be subjected, and that when his character was questioned abroad, and he applied to the officials of the War Department for a letter certifying to facts which appeared on their records, they declined to give it on the ground that they did not want to be dragged into matters of that kind, and would only consent to certify that he had had large transactions in arms with the Department, and had been found trustworthy. Mr. SCHURZ thought it very odd that a gentleman who wanted a certificate of good character to enable him to get into good society abroad should apply for it at the War Department. [Laughter.] Mr. CONKLING—Did the Senator understand me to say that Mr. BENNETTON wanted a certificate to introduce him into good society abroad? Mr. SCHURZ—No, Sir. So far from supposing that he wanted that certificate to get him into good society, I believe that he wanted it to help him in settling his accounts with the French Government. Further, it was an act of very questionable propriety for the Chief of Ordnance or the Secretary of War to give a certificate of character to a man who had been virtually turned out of the Department as a French agent a short time before. Mr. CONKLING said the certificate was given this Winter, long after the end of the war. Mr. SCHURZ—Yes. It was given after the first trial of M. PLACE had ended, and after Mr. BENNETTON had got into difficulties with the French Government about his army contracts. Mr. SCHURZ then spoke of the difference between the amount paid by the French for the arms, and that received by the War Department, and asked where the money had gone. After the indorsement of Mr. BENNETTON, by such high authorities, it would not do to suppose that he had stained his hands with it. He (Mr. SCHURZ) did not know where it had gone, but the investigation would probably show. It was no use to attempt to ignore the suspicions excited on this subject at home and abroad. The honor of the nation required that the matter should be investigated. A year ago he had this subject forced upon his attention by letters, resolutions and remonstrances from German-born citizens, who believed that the Government was selling arms to the French, and urged him to attack the Government for it in the Senate, but he had forborne to do so because he did not think it proper to introduce the subject at that time, lest the friends of the Administration might be driven to justify its action and might thereby disturb the good feeling existing between it and the German element. He had, however, done all he could in private to stop the sales. The Secretary of War, when applied to, said that the Government had a right to sell arms to American citizens, and that he did know that the arms went into the hands of the French, and that he saw no reason to stop the sales. For a while the sales were said to have been suspended, but after the November election in that year they were resumed, if, indeed, they had been stopped. The Secretary of State then promised to interfere, and finally they were stopped. When he (Mr. SCHURZ) saw the officials of the United States thus persisting in a course so dangerous, and so likely to compromise the country with foreign Powers, his suspicions were awakened, and as their conduct could not be explained upon any ground of reason or patriotism, he was driven to the suspicion that there was a job at the bottom of it. He did not, however, suspect the Secretary of War. He believed him to be rather a victim than a celator. In conclusion, Mr. SCHURZ said the people had an impression that somewhere in this country there existed a military Ring which was exerting a corrupt and dangerous influence on the Administration, and if the proposed investigation should either show that this impression was unfounded, or should discover the ruling and bring them to punishment, it would render a very important service to the best interests of the American people. Without reaching a vote, the Senate, at 4½ o'clock, went into Executive session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The bill reported yesterday for the erection of a Government building at Quincy, Ill., came up in the morning hour, and on a vote by yeas and nays was passed. Mr. WILLARD, from the Committee on the Reorganization of the Civil Service, reported a bill to regulate the employment and compensation of clerks to the Committees of the House. After some discussion the bill went over, without action, till the morning hour of Tuesday, and the House, at 1½ o'clock, went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. BLAIR, of Michigan, in the chair, on the Naval Appropriation bill.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION.

Mr. SLOCUM moved to strike out the item for the Brooklyn Naval Hospital, but withdrew it after debate, saying that he had accomplished his object, which was to call attention to the subject. Mr. HOLMAN's motion to strike out the item for a naval establishment at Mount City, Ill., was rejected. Mr. L. MYERS offered an amendment for supplying sailors with clothing at the expense of the Government, and with drew it, saying that he would embody it in a bill which he would introduce. Mr. HALE moved to add a new section to the bill, directing the Secretary of the Navy to sell at public sale after advertisement such vessels and materials as are not suitable or capable of profitable use, repair, or fitting out. Mr. WOOD said vessels should not be sold except after condemnation by a board of naval officers. Mr. MAYNARD suggested that exception should be made of such historical vessels as the *Constitution*, the *Macedonian*, the *Kearsarge*, and the yacht *America*, which should be always maintained by the Government. Mr. HALE objected to Mr. WOOD's suggestion, as taking the responsibility from the Secretary of the Navy, and putting it on a board of naval officers. The discussion was continued by Messrs. GARFIELD and SWANN, who stated that in case of war, which was imminent now, there were not six vessels in the navy that could be relied on. Mr. MAYNARD's amendment, Mr. DIXON said, would include all the vessels that were eminently distinguished for their inoperacity. [Laughter.] Mr. BUTLER said we had had some experience of that kind. They had sold for $20,000 the vessel known as the *Hornet*, and it had cost the Government $150,000 to watch her. Some of those vessels might be converted into privateers against other Governments, and put this country in the same predicament as England with the *Alabama* and other privateers. He would have useless vessels broken up and sold, but he would not have them sold as ships. Mr. MAYNARD's amendment was rejected, and Mr. HALE's was adopted. The Committee rose, the bill was passed, and the House adjourned.

Jersey City's Finances.

The purchase by the Jersey City Board of Public Works of the Harrison estate, at a cost of $214,000, for the erection of public buildings, has excited a most unexpected opposition on the part of numbers of the citizens. It is claimed that the city is now too heavily burdened with debt, that the expenditures for the last year have been extravagant and wasteful, that the purchase is not suitable for the purpose and is a speculation, and that as the proposed buildings are not immediately needed, and to be immediately erected, the expenditure is not warrantable at a time when the city is laboring under heavy financial embarrassment. Petitions are being extensively circulated throughout the city calling upon the Board to reconsider, and upon the Mayor to veto their action.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 15.

In the Senate, today, the Comptroller reported that there were seventy-nine officers of the last Senate whose average pay was about $108 each.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced: To amend the charter of the Central Underground Railroad Company, and to provide for the better administration of the estates of deceased persons.

REPORTED.

The following bills were reported: To reapportion the United States deposit fund among different academies; to repeal the act to authorize New-York City to take certain lands in Putnam and Westchester Counties; to provide for the formation of free public libraries.

PASSED.

The bills passed were those to amend the charter of the American Bible Society; to amend the charter of the National Trust Company, and the House resolution for a recess, amended so as to fix Saturday as the time for adjournment, was concurred in, and the Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

Mr. TWOMBLY introduced a bill to amend the charter of the New-York City Central Underground Railroad.

In addition to the powers already granted to the Company, they may construct subways, and operate therein a railway, with two or more tracks, for passengers and freight, the carriages to be propelled by steam. The Company is allowed three years to complete the road to connect with the Harlem Railroad, and two years thereafter to connect with the Hudson River. They are also empowered to construct their in a western branch, on the surface ground, or on a viaduct or any elevated bed, at any place above Ninety-sixth street.

NEW-YORK CITY CHARTER.

The House went into Committee on the New-York City Charter. The question pending was the motion by IRA D. BROWN:

SECTION 92. It shall not be lawful to make any appropriation of the public money or property, or loan the credit of the City of New-York to aid of any private, sectarian, or denominational school that is not under the control and management of the Board of Public Instruction, and subject to the general laws of the State relating to public schools.

Mr. HAWKINS said that great good was done in New-York by providing schools in which the poorer class of children could be educated, and they should be supported. He hoped the motion to amend would not prevail. Mr. ALVORD was opposed *in toto* to diverting a single cent from the Treasury to support district and separate schools. He was for prohibiting the taxing of a single dollar to be used for any other than purely Municipal purposes. Mr. SMITH hoped that before this Legislature adjourned a general law would be passed bringing to the State under some fixed and well-defined rule, by which the people may be taxed for charitable and educational purposes. He therefore suggested passing over this question to let Mr. ALVORD bring in a general act making the provision he referred to. Mr. ALVORD said he defied the mover to show that the subject could be framed which would not be liable to be broken in by every recurring Legislature. The only way to accomplish the matter generally would be through an amendment to the Constitution, and that would take three years. Hence he was in favor of inserting it in this act. Mr. SMITH—Would not a general law apply to New-York just as well as this act? Mr. ALVORD—Certainly, but as there is danger of our not getting a general law at this session, and as we now have this act before us, I am in favor of inserting it here and now. Mr. SMITH said he was in favor of the amendment. Mr. D. B. HILL called attention to what had been denominated an infamous Charity bill of 1871, showing that a number of the appropriations were to Protestant institutions, for all of which Mr. ALVORD had voted. Mr. STRAHAN—Not a single one of those appropriations? D. B. HILL—To the Catholics the larger number were made, of course, for the reason that the Catholics have much the largest number of poor, and consequently of these institutions. He objected to this amendment for the reason that it made a distinction against the City of New-York, which has to support a number of these institutions, and leaves the City of Syracuse and other cities without any such prohibition. Mr. ALVORD explained that he was obliged to vote for the Charity bill last year to save appropriations to institutions of similar character in the City of New-York. He said he would never repeat that vote. IRA D. BROWN—This prohibition was against appropriations to schools, not to charitable institutions which were not under the control of sectarian influence. Appropriations had been inserted in the bill after the Legislature adjourned by which the bill was locked up in the desk of Wm. M. TWEED, and no reporter could get access to it. Mr. JACOBS—That bill was locked up in my desk on the last day of the session. Mr. STRAHAN stated that last year there was an application for an appropriation to an institution in Newburg, which he knew to be unworthy, not for the reason that it was Catholic, but because it has no inmates. He defeated the proposition, but to his surprise, after the adjournment, he found it in the bill. As the gentleman from Kings (Mr. JACOBS) had said he had that bill locked up in his desk, he would ask him how that was done. Mr. JACOBS could not get the floor to reply. Mr. IRA D. BROWN finished his remarks. Mr. PELL moved to change the word "sectarian," in Mr. BROWN's amendment, to "denominational," which Mr. BROWN accepted, and then the amendment was adopted. Mr. STRAHAN moved to insert in section 101 a provision to pay for printing or publishing a paper called the *City Record*. Mr. TWOMBLY insisted that it would be an outrage to require notices to be published in any such paper. It will be simply continuing the *Transcript* swindle. Mr. STRAHAN said the paper was already provided for in the bill, and his amendment was only to perfect the bill.

Mr. HUSTED believed the true place to publish these notices was in the existing daily papers, and moved to amend by striking out all reference to the *City Record* and substituting therefor the words "the two newspapers having the largest circulation in the City," making the proposals for the same. Mr. JUDD explained that the bill proposed that the City establish this paper, and thus divest the business of the jobbery it has been subjected to. Without disposing of the question, on motion of Mr. ALVORD, the committee rose, to could do some general business before adjournment, the Committee rose and reported progress, when the bill was made the special order for this evening.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The Senate amendment to the resolution for a recess providing for an adjournment from Saturday instead of Friday till the 26th, was carried. Mr. MOULTON presented the memorial of citizens of New-York asking relief from obstruction by railroads in the Fourth-avenue. Mr. JUDD presented petitions in favor of the repeal of the Erie Classification act; also, of the citizens of Staten Island to be embraced in the Metropolitan Police act.

BILLS REPORTED.

Mr. ALVORD report a bill from the Ways and Means Committee, the Annual Appropriation bill, and submitted the testimony taken in the New Capitol investigation, with a resolution that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matter. Mr. JACOBS gave notice that he would, at an early day, submit a minority report upon matters which a majority of the Committee would not investigate. Mr. ALVORD stated that the Committee made the investigation comply strictly with the resolution which called for it. Mr. JACOBS stated that, so far as the Commissioners and Superintendent were concerned, he believed they had discharged their duties honestly; but he wished to make a report upon other matters. Mr. ALVORD said that the matter of the Eight-hour law was not submitted to the Committee, and they, therefore, did not act upon it. Mr. JACOBS asked till to-morrow morning to make a minority report, and that the question on the resolution be postponed till then, which was agreed to. Mr. ALBERGER, from the Committee investigating the affairs of the Pacific Mail, reported the charges proven, and the complaint made for the purpose of influencing the stock in monetary circles, and accidents the authors of the complaint, who have had legislation for purely speculative purposes. Mr. LYDER reported a bill to appoint Commissioners to make a survey of Richmond County, and certain maps therefrom, and report a plan for laying out Staten Island and for securing a water supply.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Among the bills introduced was one to provide for calling a convention to revise the charter of Brooklyn, and another regulating the fees of the marshals of New-York, and to protect the legal profession from unjust taxation. Mr. CIGNE moved that the Committee of Commerce investigating the quarantine affairs be authorized to employ counsel and a stenographer. Mr. ALVORD opposed it, and it was referred to the Judiciary Committee. A recess was then taken.

EVENING SESSION.

The House in Committee resumed the consideration of the New-York Charter bill. The question pending was on Mr. HUSTED's motion providing for publication in two newspapers. Mr. JUDD said provision was made for publishing the proceedings of the Common Council in a paper to be called the *City Record*, and a synopsis furnished to the daily papers. He referred to the immense amount of money paid for this work, amounting in 1871 to $130,000, and argued that the newspapers should not have had any influence on the Press there was reason to think it had. The charter contained no provisions which pledged in any extravagance in this direction, and he hoped the section would be allowed to remain as it is. Mr. HOWES was opposed to the establishment of any paper to be carried on by the City. He did not believe the Press of New-York would be subsidized by this patronage. Mr. ALBERGER defended the proposition, and hoped the House would go on with this charter as it was in the main. Mr. ALVORD said the Legislature of the State of New-York had waited five weeks for this charter, and he, for one, would not go for it with eyes shut and closed lips. Mr. HUSTED moved to amend his amendment so as to make it three daily papers, to include the journals of record. This was certain could not be substituted. Mr. TILDEN did not understand that the authors of this bill intended any newspaper related into a newspaper, but simply a publication which will contain briefly the proceedings of the Common Council. He was quite sure the authors of the bill had not intended to do anything which would constitute the abuse which has been suffered. The motion, as amended, was adopted. Mr. ALVORD moved to strike out of section 105 the provision that all advertisements of Departments shall be printed in the *City Record*. It did not intend to compel the proceeding a mere record of the Common Council proceedings, but to make it useful to the public service. Mr. HAWKINS said it was intended to make the *City Record* the record of the doings of all the other Departments let the City, as well as the Common Council. Mr. TWOMBLY, in stating the extravagant charges for printing, said the Foreman of the Grand Jury had told him that one of the witnesses before the jury was asked whether work of this kind, for which enormous prices had been charged, was worth $10,000, $8,000, or $5,000, and responded in the negative, but finally said it was worth about that. Mr. D. B. HILL asked the gentleman (Mr. TWOMBLY) if he did not know that his informant, in saying him that information was guilty of a misdemeanor? Mr. TWOMBLY said that was so, but nevertheless, he gave him the information. These things were known generally. Mr. ALVORD's amendment was adopted. Mr. TILDEN moved to add to the last section a clause, the effect of which was to leave in existence the vote to pass, with bribery and fraud in office. Adopted. Amendments generally were then announced to be in order, and Mr. ALVORD stated that as the House had held a long session today, and as it would be impossible to get through the bill to-night, he would move to report progress and make the bill the special order for to-morrow morning, which was carried.

THE NEW CAPITOL.

Mr. JACOBS, from the minority of the Committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred the charges against the Commissioners of the new Capitol stated that they agree with the majority of the Committee that the charges of corruption, &c., were not sustained, but say that all the difficulty between the working men and Commissioners had arisen from the fact that the Eight-hour law and not been enforced. The report concludes with a resolution that the Eight-hour law ought to be repealed or enforced.

The House then, at 9½ o'clock, adjourned.

Return at Washington Market—Duties of the Clerks.

Col. DEVOE, the Superintendent of Markets, has issued an order defining the duties of clerks and assistants in Washington Market, with a view to doing away with the abuses which have been so long complained of. The clerks must be on duty by 4 A. M. At 7½ they will be relieved by the deputy clerk, for breakfast, and must return by 8 A. M. The deputy and assistant clerk will leave for dinner at 12½ and return at 2, when the clerks will be relieved from duty, except that the clerk on West-Street Market must remain all day on Fridays and the clerk of Washington Market on Saturdays. No excuse for absence will be received, except sickness. The assistant and deputy clerk must remain all day, or, if necessary, until the market is cleansed. The clerks must examine all articles brought into the markets, and if any unwholesome or stale meat or fish is found, it must be seized at once, and the salesman must be suspended. If any salesmen or women practice any deceit, such as representing their mutton as lamb, strong butter as sweet, &c., they must be fined or suspended.

The Annual Masquerade Ball of the German Liederkranz.

The grand annual fancy dress and masquerade ball of the German Liederkranz Society came off, last evening, at the Academy of Music, with a success even more decided and brilliant than characterized any similar event of former years. The chief feature of the night was the march and procession, which was more than usually unique. Shortly after 11 o'clock the curtain on the stage was withdrawn, and revealed a scene of splendor. The stage was enveloped in one sheet of calcium lights, interspersed with artistic jets and fountains bearing the mottoes "Liederkranz," "1859," together with German and American national mottoes. First came the master of ceremonies, Reynard, followed closely by the musicians as rabbits, and immediately came dogs, grunting, chattering monkeys, the sovereign of the brute creation, hyenas, wolves, panthers, oxen, asses, forming a curious cavalcade of singular grotesqueness of design. "The Tammany Tiger" was represented as caught in his own ring, and this personation, which was followed closely by admirable and laughable caricatures of HALL and TWEED, such as NAST himself might have envied, provoked immense merriment, and for the moment seemed to infuse a serious element into the affair.

The procession finished, dancing commenced, and was continued with unabated enthusiasm until a late hour in the morning. Among those present were Baron Von Schlotter, German Ambassador; Baron Oswald Ottendorfer, Mr. Herman Uhl, Deputy Sheriff Meabeim, Major L. B. Rader, of the Seventh Regiment; John Hoey, W. B. Dinsmore, William Steinway, Dr. Damrosch, Surrogate Hutchings, Recorder Hackett and many others.

The music was admirable, and was under the direction of Mr. DIETZ and Mr. BERNSTEIN.

Eclectic Medical College.

The Commencement exercises of the Eclectic Medical College of the City of New-York, took place last evening at Association Hall. The degree of Doctor of Medecine was conferred on the following by Prof. ALEXANDER WILDER: Mrs. Mary Seraphina Pratt, Connecticut; Mrs. Mary L. W. Levy, New-York; Mrs. Alice Lee Baum, New-Jersey; Mrs. Jennie Ensign, New-York; Miss Anna Ralston, Connecticut; Miss Harriett E. Cady, New-York; and Messrs. Francis M. Rich and Eben E. Davis, of New-York; Mr. Richard Gundern, of Ohio, and Mr. W. H. A. Young, of Vermont. An honorary degree was afterward conferred on J. R. GODELL, of Rhode Island. After addresses from the President of the Board of Trustees and Rev. Mr. GOSS, the valedictory address was delivered by Mr. R. GAUDERS, which was followed by the usual charge to the graduates by Prof. E. A. QUINN. The proceedings closed with the benediction.

The Steamer Wando—Arrival of Her Officers.

The steamer *Crescent City*, Capt. VAN SICE, from Havana, arrived yesterday, bringing as passengers ALEX. MCKENZIE, chief engineer of the ill-fated steamer *Wando*, before reported as foundered on her voyage to Havana; LEONARD SCANDRETT, second engineer; JOHN FAIRWAY, oiler; WM. TRACY and WM. MURPHY, firemen. They were rescued by the steamer *Cleopatra* and taken to Havana, from whence they were sent to this port by the American Consul.

Suicide of a Musician.

EDWARD BAYER, a well-known tenor singer, committed suicide yesterday by taking arsenic. He resided on Third-street, Hoboken, but took the poison in New-York. He was removed to his home, where he died after making the statement that he had taken the poison for the purpose of ending his life. He was extremely sensitive on personal matters, and some remarks concerning himself which he accidentally overheard led him to the act.

NEW-YORK AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Judge F. W. HUGHES, of Pennsylvania, is at the Grand Central Hotel.

H. W. BACHE, of the United States Coast Survey, is at the Everett House.

H. SCHLOESER, German Minister, from Washington, is at the Brevoort House.

Gov. J. E. ENGLISH, of Connecticut, is at the Gilsey House.

Commodore Wm. E. LEROY, of the United States Navy, is at the New-York Hotel.

Congressman W. H. BARNUM, of Connecticut, is at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

Judge J. EDWARDS, of Albany, and Col. JONES, of the United States Marine Corps, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Capt. JACOB LAWRENCE, of Salt Lake City, and A. S. DEVIS, of Elmira, are at the Hoffman House.

Hon. H. W. ANDRUS, of St. Louis, and Col. EDWARD GRESLWO, of Schenectady, are at the Grand Hotel.

Gen. ALEX. D. MUNSEY, of Texas, and Judge CURLIN, of Louisiana, are at Earle's Hotel.

THOS. H. PEGRIM, United States Consul at Kingston, Jamaica, is at the Sturtevant House.

GEO. VANDENHOFF, Esq., will read for the Young Men's Christian Association Friday evening, in Association Hall.

"Ned Buntline," (E. Z. C. JUDSON,) and "Ruffle Bill," were visitors at the United States District-Attorney's office yesterday.

A slight fire occurred last evening in the residence of Mrs. EMMA BUTLER, No. 24 Lexington-avenue, causing slight damage.

The sailing day of the Hamburg steamship line has been changed from Tuesday to Thursday of each week.

We are indebted to Prosper J. V. MAGNA, of the Havana steam-ship *Crescent City*, for courtesies.

The French Battalion des Garges Lafayette gave its annual ball at the Casino last night.

The Relief Committee of the Produce Exchange reported finally at a special meeting, yesterday, that $22,720 had been collected for the Chicago sufferers: $1,500 50 for the Wisconsin sufferers, and $1,265 60 for the Michigan sufferers, all of which had been forwarded except $6,000 which remains in the hands of the Committee for the Chicago sufferers.

CIRILLE DION, in a billiard game at French caron, with CHARLES FRIMM, last evening, made the run of 153 shots, one of the largest on record.

Major A. T. BEARDSLEY, of Auburn; Hon. J. A. BEXTON, of Canton, Ohio, and Hon. RICHARD P. MORGAN, of Wilmington, Ill., are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Last evening, Rev. GEORGE MISGINE lectured in Steinway Hall before the General Society of Methodists upon the subject of "Virtue and Their Pretences."

A fire occurred last evening on the second story of No. 82 East Eighth-street, occupied by F. E. SHERWOOD, dentist. Damage, $200; insured for $2,000.

In the Court of Special Sessions, yesterday, JAMES G. GROVER, the pickpocket who robbed Miss PAULINE HARRICK at Steinway Hall on Tuesday evening, was sent to the Penitentiary for five months.

JOHN SAUNDERS, a fashionably dressed young man, was committed by Justice SCOTT, yesterday, in default of $1,000 bail, on a charge of breaking the window and stock-door in the Gleason Home, on Wednesday night.

The commissioner of the Manhattan Market building will be laid on Thursday, at 2 P. M. The ceremony will take place at 1 P. M. at the market building, Thirty-fourth-street and North River.

The Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company has arranged to carry delegates to and from the Labor Reform Nominating Convention at Columbus, Ohio, on the 21st, at two-third's fare.

The ninth lecture in the course before the Law School of the University of the City of New-York will be delivered this evening by Prof. BENJAMIN N. MARTIN, on the "Ethical Basis of the Common Law."

A lecture under the auspices of the Young Man's Literary and Social Society was delivered last evening, at the Collegiate Church in Fifth-avenue, entitled "The Curiosities of Commercial Speculation."

We are indebted to the courtesy of the management of the White Star line for late English papers, received by their new steamship *Republic*, which left Liverpool on Feb. 2, and Queenstown on Feb. 3, and reached this port Wednesday.

During the year ended Feb. 1, the number of persons who received temporary relief in the Stranger's Home was 681. Among them were: Artists, 1; actors, 1; boot-keepers, 21; editors, 3; lawyers, 3; ministers, 1; physicians, 3, and reporters, 2.

A solemn requiem high mass was offered up yesterday at St. Joseph's Church, for the relief of the souls of the late Prof. ANTONIO BAGIOLI and Mrs. TERESA BAGIOLI SICKLES. The celebrant was the Rev. Father PARESKI. Rev. Father MCCLANCY officiated as deacon, and Rev. Father DUNFRY as sub-deacon.

The body of an unknown man, aged about forty years, was sent to the Morgue, last evening, from the Fourth Precinct Station-house. Height, about five feet six inches; brown hair and whiskers, mixed with gray. Had on a black sack coat, brown knit jacket, brown pantaloons and vest.

LAWRENCE MORRISSEY and Police Justice COX have given special bail in the sum of $5,000 each to answer the charge of assault by JOHN J. O'ROURKE, to recover $10,000 damages for alleged false imprisonment. Messrs. BENJAMIN F. FAIRCHILD, WM. J. LEMDEN and HUGH O'ROURKE are the sureties. The trial will be had in the United States Circuit Court. The suit grows out of the arrest and committal of O'ROURKE, at the instance of MORRISSEY, who charged him with felonious assault.

At a meeting of gas consumers, last night, at No. 490 Eighth-avenue, arrangements were made for a mass-meeting of gas consumers to be held next week at Cooper Institute. Petitions are being signed in all parts of the City asking the Legislature to repeal the charter of the Gas Companies, in order to enable the City to take the supply into its own hands. It is proposed to issue "Gas Supply Bonds" in order to obtain the necessary funds. The gas consumers expect to get this gas at the price of $1 per 1,000 cubic feet if the plan is put into execution.

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It is expected that the coming exhibition of the Brooklyn Art Association will be one of the finest which the society has ever held.

The fine iron bridge which is to connect Williamsburg and Greenpoint, will be completed in a few days. It will cost about $75,000, and be ready for traffic in about a month.

At the Bay Ridge Athenæum Literary Association, the subject for debate on Monday evening next will be, "Was it a Consistent or Justifiable Act for Horace Greeley to Sign Bail for Jefferson Davis?"

JOHN BIRD, late father of the Williamsburg colored Tabernacle, who was charged with abstracting from said tabernacle certain property, of the value of $17, appeared before Justice VOORHIES yesterday, and gave bonds to answer.

Two hundred men are to be drafted from the receiving ship *Vermont*, for foreign service. Capt. CHARTERIS delivered an address on temperance last evening on board this ship, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Missionary Society.

The Church of the Covenant, corner of Classon-avenue and Baltic-street, was dedicated last night. Rev. EDWARD BEECHER, D. D., preached, and the pastor, Rev. FRANKLIN NOBLE, conducted the exercises.

The improvements proposed to be made in the City Hall, for which plans and specifications have been drawn, comprise a new boiler and repair of the heating apparatus, the laying down of steps and tile flooring, improved ventilation throughout the building, and other repairs and improvements, the whole to cost about $30,000.

The Kings County Democratic General Committee held a meeting last night. The report of the Committee on contested seats was adopted, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, EDWARD ROWE; Vice-President, C. T. DENNISON and R. MCCOY; Secretary, G. G. HERMAN; Treasurer, F. P. MASSEY.

Early yesterday morning a fellow